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Has A New Ambition

Tokyo, Mar. 1.
Thirty-nine-year-old Yoshiki Hoshino, who has completed a 21-day hunger strike in a downtown Tokyo park protesting against the alleged delay in the repatriation of Japanese nationals from Soviet territories, filed papers yesterday with the government screening committee for candidacy to a seat in the newly created House of Councilors in the April elections.—United Press.

Dunkirk Signing On March 4

London, Feb. 28.

Britain and France have reached an agreement on the terms of the alliance, Mr Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, told the House of Commons today. He hoped that it would be signed on Tuesday, March 4, at Dunkirk.

Mr Bevin's brief statement, which was punctuated with loud cheers, is as follows:

"I am very glad to be able to state that an agreement has now been reached between the British Government in the United Kingdom and the French Government on the terms of the treaty of alliance."

"There are a few adjustments now being made."

"The treaty will, I hope, be signed by the French Foreign Minister and myself on Tuesday, March 4, at Dunkirk (loud cheers)."

"Its text will be laid before the House as soon as possible thereafter. The Dominions have been kept fully informed."

"I am sure the House will share the great satisfaction of the British Government at the successful outcome of these negotiations and that they will warmly welcome the reaffirmation of the close friendship between this country and France."

OPPOSITION PLEASED

On behalf of the Opposition, Mr. Anthony Eden said that he warmly welcomed Mr. Bevin's statement and congratulated him upon his part in the negotiations.

There were two observations that he would like to make. The first was that in this century the relations of the British people with the people of France had a special meaning on both sides of the Channel. "We have been through so much together, through an ordeal to a final victory and any expression of this true feeling of friendship in the treaty must be as welcome in Britain as I have no doubt it is in France."

Mr. Eden added: "The second observation is close and intimate relationship between Britain and France are a contribution to world peace and

for that cause, too, we welcome what he has said. We shall wish him well on his journey to Moscow and we shall be with him in spirit at Dunkirk."

50-YEAR TREATY

The four main points of the Anglo-French 50-year treaty are, according to unofficial but usually well-informed Paris sources:

1. France and Britain pledge themselves to decide by common agreement on measures which might prove necessary should Germany adopt any aggressive policy, or any initiative threatening the security of either of the two countries.

2. Should either with Germany the other partner will lend immediate military assistance, whether the hostilities are the outcome of armed aggression by Germany or of action taken in common, or of application of measures decided by the UNO Security Council.

3. France and Britain will confer with a view to adopting all necessary measures should Germany disregard obligations which have been, or may be, imposed upon her.

4. France and Britain will confer on all economic questions of mutual interest.

FRENCH REACTION

In Paris, a storm of cheers, and handclaps, lasting five minutes, greeted M. Georges Bidault when he told the National Assembly today that the new Anglo-French alliance would be signed on March 4.

Rarely since approval of the new constitution last September has the Assembly shown such enthusiasm.

Another ovation followed the unanimous vote of confidence in M. Bidault and the Government's foreign policy—with 600 deputies voting—less than a week before the Minister's departure for the Big Four Foreign Ministers Conference in Moscow.

The vote of confidence came as no surprise. Throughout the dual two-day debate there were indications of unanimity of the parties. Even M. Bidault's severest critics, the Communist Party, had signified their blessing. When M. Bidault Britain, M. Edouard Herriot, Radical leader, said: "This usher in a new era of co-operation between two great traditional allies in the work for peace and democracy."

M. Bidault, announcing the alliance, said: "It was impossible that the destinies of our two countries should not be bound together. Difficulties past but the solidarity of our two peoples remains."—Reuter.

Death Of Mr. J. B. Powell

Washington, Mar. 1.
Mr John B. Powell, age 60, former managing editor of the China Weekly Review died suddenly, a few moments after delivering a speech to the University of Missouri Alumni.

In his talk, Powell, who had lost part of both feet in a Japanese prison camp predicted that Asia will assume increasing importance in world affairs. Earlier he had joked with friends that he was a "fugitive from Walter Reed hospital" where he had been learning to walk on artificial feet, after both feet were amputated as a result of gangrene, suffered in a Japanese prison camp where he was held for several months after his capture in Shanghai in 1941.—Associated Press.

Switch-On Date Postponed

London, Mar. 1.

Although the "coal cabinet" decided yesterday that all electrically powered industry in Britain would be back on production next Monday, the Prime Minister, Mr Attlee, postponed the date for the switch-on because more snow and sleet was slowing down movement of coal from the pits.

Mr Attlee told the House of Commons that he might be able to announce the switch-on date later in the week.

The "coal cabinet" decided yesterday on restoration in London and South-eastern England as well as in the North-west next week of power cuts imposed on February 10.

The Midlands, the third area affected by a fuel crisis that paralysed industries in half of Britain, began restoration this week.

Restriction on domestic use of electricity will remain in effect in all Britain.

The coal cabinet, consisting of six cabinet ministers and representatives of the National Coal Board, railway organisations and the Central Electricity Board, said it was "satisfied that in those power stations where deficiencies still exist it might be possible to make up deficiencies in the course of the week."

The statement declared, however, that "greatest possible economy" in homes and in non-essential plants such as cinemas, theatres, and some office buildings "remains as urgent as ever and all consumers are asked to co-operate in order that the needs of industry may be met."—Associated Press.

EXPLOSIONS ROCK HAIFA

British Soldiers Injured

Jerusalem, Feb. 28.

Powerful explosions rocked the Haifa harbour area today when bombs blew up an Army safe in Barclay's Bank in the heart of the port area a few hours after an illegal immigrant ship was intercepted and grounded off the Palestine coast.

There were three explosions, from bombs believed timed to explode coincidentally with the expected arrival of the immigrant ship Haim Arlosoroff—formerly the Ulu—in Haifa harbour. However, the illegal ship had been intercepted by a British destroyer, directed by an RAF plane, and it was grounded off Bat Galim, a Jewish suburb south of Haifa.

Seven British soldiers were injured seriously in the explosion, which destroyed the rooms of the bank.

The explosions were also within a few hours of the ruling by the Palestine Supreme Court, directing Mal-Gem G. H. A. MacMillan and other British authorities to show cause why the immigrants should not be permitted to land in Palestine. The order is to be returned next Tuesday.

RIGID CURFEW

Haifa harbour had been taken over by the British military, whose armoured cars were placed at all entrances, exits and strategic points against the expected arrival of the ship.

A rigid curfew was imposed. The police took no notice of the first explosion. They believed it might have been a depth charge dropped by the British as a precaution against Haganah "frogmen" suspected to be operating in the harbour area.

Two more explosions followed quickly, however, spewing broken glass and debris over a 300-yard area around Barclay's Bank in King's Road, opposite the port.

The Army and police swiftly cordoned off the bank area and quickly brought seven casualties from the ruins. It was further casualties.

Meanwhile, the Haim Arlosoroff lay forlornly grounded off Bat Galim, with British destroyers encircling it in the bright afternoon sun.

TAKEN OFF SHIP

The refugees were being taken from the illegal ship as the destroyers kept vigil.

Hundreds of sightseers steamed to Bat Galim to watch the scene.

Tension was straining—in Haifa and elsewhere in Palestine.

Feeling ran higher than several months ago as the Holy Land built up another potential crisis.

No trouble, however, was expected during the next 24 hours when the Jews will observe their Sabbath. However, the Jewish community of Palestine was prepared to declare a general strike on Sunday.—United Press.

THROWN INTO SEA

Jerusalem, Feb. 28.
Some of the British sailors who boarded the Jewish illegal immigrant ship Haim Arlosoroff, off Haifa today were thrown into the sea by the immigrants.

They were picked up by destroyers. Before the boarding incident, the immigration ship took evading action, says an official statement, and then ran aground. Later the boarding party gained control and nearly 300 men, women and children were transferred to a British vessel which sailed for Cyprus.

The immigrants, mainly young Jews, were reported to be from eastern Europe.—Reuter.

Driver Killed In Car Smash

A car driver was killed, and three Chinese men and a Chinese girl seriously injured in an accident at the junction of Hennessey Road and Ewo Street, Wanchai, at 12.45 last night.

Car No. 852, owned by the South China Morning Post, Ltd., and driven by the regular chauffeur, Cheng Ming, collided with a heavy Dodge truck. Cheng was killed and his four passengers seriously injured. They are now in Queen Mary Hospital. The car was a total wreck.

BANK OF ENGLAND DIRECTOR

London, Feb. 28.
Mr Charles Dukes, former General Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, has been appointed to the directorship of the Bank of England. It was announced to-night.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Questions For The S. Of S.

FOR the second time within a month questions have been raised in the House of Commons regarding air facilities in Hongkong—and on both occasions there has been a distinct elusiveness (and aloofness) in the official replies. On February 12 Mr Creech Jones pleaded that the decision on constructing an airport in Hongkong "involves difficult and technical considerations." He repeated this on Thursday when further pressed for a detailed reply, but, apparently designed as an encouraging rider, added that a technical survey party from the Ministry of Civil Aviation was on its way to the colony to make a full examination. Pinghang was abandoned as Hongkong's future airport in March, 1946 (which prompts a query: who is going to foot the bill for that shocking error of technical judgment?); in July, the acting Colonial Secretary told the Legislative Council that a "possible alternative site has been found within the boundaries of the colony." At the same time he confessed that construction costs of a modern airport would be between three and four million pounds, and that it would take anything up to 30 months to complete. He added that it was impossible, then, to say when construction could begin because the Secretary of State for the Colonies was considering the apportionment of costs between the Imperial Government and the Hongkong Government.

The last question provides the sting in the tail of the otherwise innocuous and genteel answers by Mr Creech Jones. But there are other questions about an airport which Hongkong would like to put to the Secretary of State. (1) Does the Imperial Government agree that unless Hongkong has adequate air facilities it may well lose its importance as a vital link between the Pacific and the rest of the world? (2) Is not the establishment of a modern airport in this colony of more importance than its cost? Is not the hesitancy over constructing a modern aerodrome less to do with finance than with general Colonial Office policy? It may be felt that we are displaying offensiveness in postulating such questions. Yet we feel they are pertinent in the light of Mr Creech Jones's House of Commons observations and the following statements made in Legislative Council eight months ago: "Government is aware of and endorses the view that it is of the first importance that the Colony should be provided as soon as possible with the most up-to-date and efficient air transport facilities.... If Hongkong is to be a main link in the network of international airways a modern land aerodrome must be established without delay." Does that mean another five years from now—or never?

FORMATION OF GOVT.

Germans to Make Suggestions

London, Feb. 28.

Max Reimann, leader of the German Communist Party in the British zone, told newsmen today that a conference of German political parties in all the four zones would be called shortly to submit suggestions to the Allies for the formation of a German reich government.

He said they would also seek a common platform on problems confronting the Big Four Foreign Ministers at Moscow.

He said he "anti-Fascist parties bloc" of the Soviet zone, which include the Socialist Unity Party, the Christian Democrats and Liberal Democrats, started the idea.

Reimann said Social Democrat Dr Kurt Schumacher and Austrian Democrat leaders accepted the idea during talks in the Advisory Council of the British zone.

A date will be fixed next Monday when the observing delegation he leads to the British Communist conference here returns to Germany, Reimann said.

He said German central government "ought to be formed quickly" and that all parties should sign the peace treaty so none could in future stir up nationalist sentiment against it.—United States.

STOP PRESS

RAIN PREVENTS TEST PLAY

United Press reports that owing to rain, resumption of the fifth Test match at Sydney was prevented this morning. At close of play yesterday, England in her first innings had scored 23 for 6.

KILLED IN FALL FROM WINDOW

Patrick John William Fry, 19, radio operator on board the motor vessel "Hindustan," met with accidental death by falling out of a window on the third floor of No. 6 Hillwood Road, Kowloon, at 2 a.m. today. Deceased was a native of Barnstaple, Devon.

FLOUR MILL A TOTAL LOSS

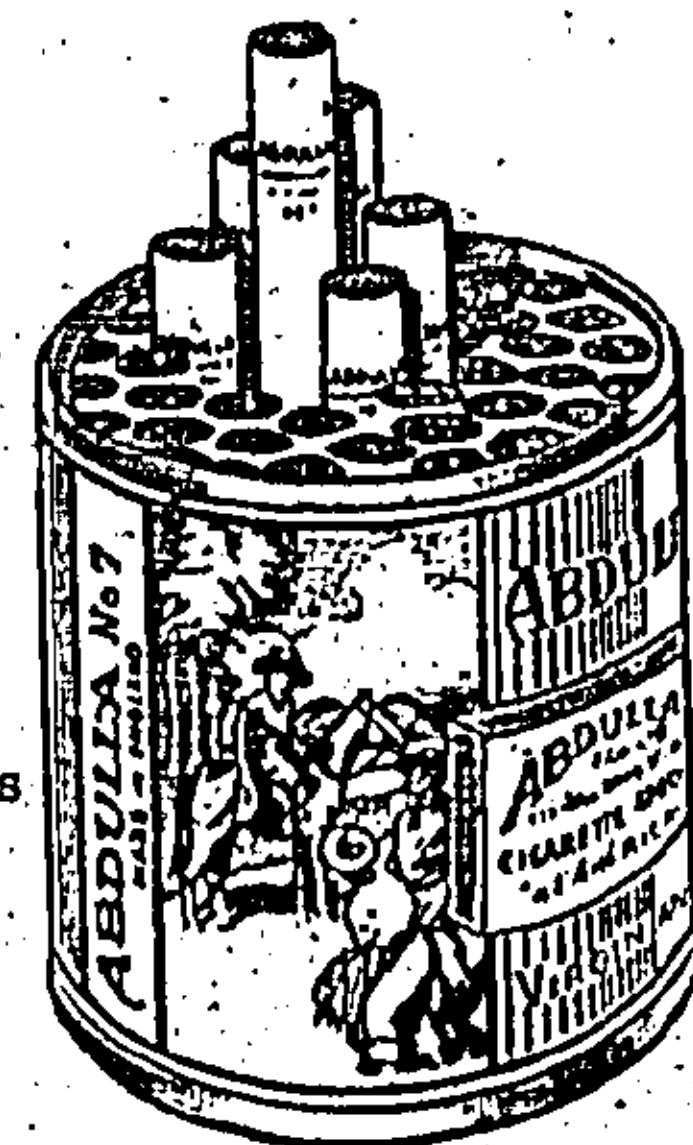
Lisbon, Feb. 28.
The greatest flour mill in Portugal, jammed with Argentine grain, was destroyed by fire last night in a 60,000,000-escudo disaster which may affect the already short Lisbon flour supply.

The mill, which belonged to the Portuguese Colonies Industrial Company, was burned to the ground and most of the machinery inside was destroyed or so damaged as to be worthless.

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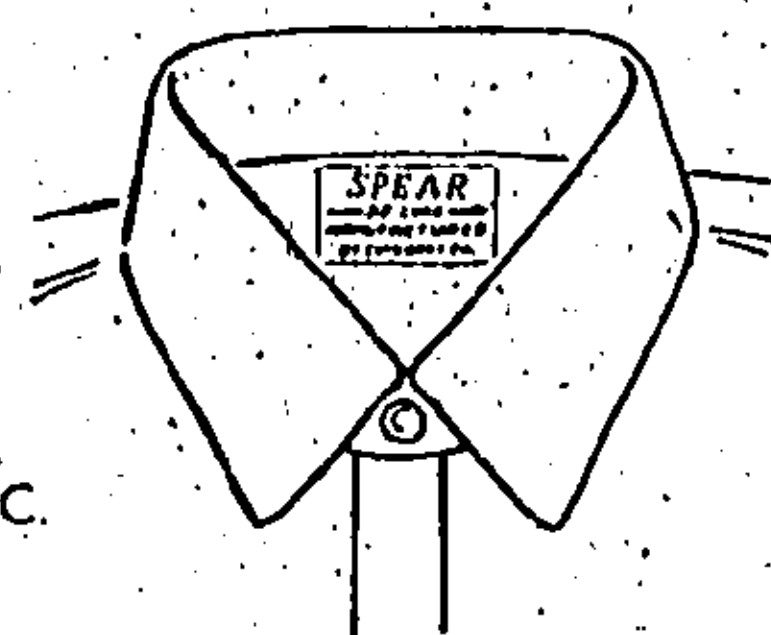
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FILMS & PLAYERS

SPOTLIGHT

— By —
ERNEST BETTS

SIR ALEXANDER KORDA was discussing the proposed slash in American films with Eric Johnston, U.S. film boss, who has been on a visit to London. It's a sore point in America, and Johnston was saying: "If this goes on, you know, we might have to stop imports of your Scotch whisky." Said Korda, delighted: "If you did that you'd earn the undying gratitude of the entire British nation."

LAUREL and Hardy will give their own version of looking for a job during their present visit to England. The two comics insist on a fortnight's holiday before starting their 20-minute act, want to get acclimatised and see what (if anything) makes us laugh. They haven't been over since 1932, when laughing was quite natural.

"CARMEN Jones," Billy Rose's big coloured opera, may come to Covent Garden this summer.

WHEN Van Johnson asked his leading lady, Janet Leigh, what she proposed to do after making "Romance of Rosy Ridge," she said: "Learn how to be an actress."

CANDOUR (continued). Someone asked Veronica Lake what part she was playing in "Saloon" with Alan Ladd. "I can't say," said Veronica. "I may be the heroine or the heavy. The story's written on the set every day, and nobody knows what part they're playing till they get the script." Only certainty is that Veronica wears that blind-eye hair-do again.

CHARACTER actor Cyril Smith, shut in a coffin six times for the mystery-thriller film, "Deep End," decided to live there. "Just bring me an early morning cup of tea and a paper," he said, "and I'll be all right."

THE Battle of Britain against Hollywood for James Mason ended in a victory for Korda, when Britain's star signed a two-picture contract with him. Shooting begins next September in London, Hollywood or France, as convenient.

BY the way, that film Rex Harrison is to do for Korda is a re-make of "The Scarlet Pimpernel."

DEANNA Durbin was listed as America's highest paid woman by the U.S. Treasury Department. In 1944, year covered by the report, she earned \$27,082. Walter Wanger, the producer, earned \$25,127, and Irene Dunne \$63,500.

**SHROUDING
GLAMOUR
IN BUBBLES**

TIME was, and not so long ago, either, when filmmakers had to depend upon opaque shower doors, extra large towels and heavy shadows to preserve the modesty of glamour girls when they took a bath for the cinema.

But not any more. The bubble bath has saved the day. Bubbles like a full-length, high-necked evening gown, provide plenty of concealment.

Current beneficiary of the new bubble technique is cinema-land's youngest glamour girl, Claire Foley, who, though but 14 years of age, is as modest as her older and more experienced sisters.

She takes a prolonged and luxurious oblation in Warner Bros.' forthcoming comedy, "Janie Gets Married."

The simplicity of the affair was astonishing. As a matter of fact there was nothing to it but bubbles. The Erbes brothers, the astute plumbers who take care of all of Warner Bros.' beauty bathing problems, together with the property man on the picture, merely dumped a round dozen packages of bubble bath into warm water, then let nature take its course.

Most of Miss Foley and all of her bathing suit were promptly concealed within an all-enveloping mass of foam.



Basil Rathbone as Sherlock Holmes and Nigel Bruce as his assistant, Dr Watson, in "Spider Woman," exciting detective drama coming next week to the Alhambra.

PIRATES IN THE CARIBBEAN



"OUR Gang," the famous comedies which started the kid craze in pictures, are returning. Hal Roach, who made them, is pouring £250,000 into a new, younger, noisier edition.

GLYNIS Johns, of the husky voice and sleek profile, is off to New York and Hollywood. No contract; just a holiday.

STEWART Granger flew back from Paris in a Dakota for his daughter's first birthday party at Haslemere.

TWENTIETH Century Fox plan to spend £1,000,000, rebuilding the old Fox Studios at Welby. If permits can be wheedled from the Board of Trade.

I rejoice to say that the comely Ursula Jeans is set for a picture, G. D. Stern's "The Woman in the Hall." It will be the first effort of a new British company, Wessex Films, headed by Ian Dalrymple, making of "Western Approaches."

TALKING Shakespeare at the Savoy recently was Sir Larry Jackson, man of 63 who looks like 40. He has a line-up of nine plays, 50 players, at Stratford's Shakespeare Festival in April.

HENRY V has made a profit of £140,000 in America since April.

PRODUCTION bug is attacking Hollywood women stars like flu. Claudette Colbert is one. Now the list of glamour going into business include Ginger Rogers, with husband Jack Briggs, Maria Montez, Rosalind Russell and Joan Fontaine. Lady Lamark and Joan Bennett have sunk their flawless profiles in the game. What a pity if everyone produces and nobody acts.

Cinema Guide

SHOWING TO-DAY

QUEEN'S—The Kid From Brooklyn

KING'S—Reap the Wild Wind
ALHAMBRA—The Daltons Ride Again

NEXT CHANGE

QUEEN'S—Cornered
KING'S—Blossoms in the Dust
ALHAMBRA—Spider Woman

**HEARTACHES
GIVE M.G.M.
HEADACHES**

MGM are having more than their share of trouble with stars' affairs of the heart.

They'd hardly drawn breath after Lana Turner's leaving the set of "Green Dolphin Street" to visit Tyrone Power in Mexico, when they had three more stars involved in marital re-arrangements.

They are Van Johnson, Greer Garson and Mickey Rooney.

Van finally married Mrs Keenan Wynn, after all those denials.

The marriage is very much against the wish of the studio, which knows that it is unpopular with Van's bobby-sox fans.

Greer Garson's marriage to Richard Ney seems to have blown to pieces.

Greer has publicly denied that they are going to get a divorce, and will probably continue to deny it.

But that they've separated, is common knowledge.

Mickey Rooney and his wife Betty Jane Hase have separated, and an official announcement of this will come out as soon as some legal business over a property settlement is fixed up.

Peter Lorre Advised

On Eviction Trick

Peter Lorre looked troubled when he reported for work at the Warner Bros studios one day and director Herman Shumlin, always very considerate of his players, asked the cause. Lorre said he had bought a little house, wanted to get in, but the people just couldn't or wouldn't move out.

Shumlin reflected for a moment. "Got it, Peter. Why don't you just haunt them out?"

PICTURE above shows Ray Milland, Paulette Goddard and John Wayne, principals in Cecil B. De Mille's production, "Reap the Wild Wind," which is showing at the King's Theatre.

"Reap the Wild Wind" is a tale told in bold, heroic strokes of America's fight to rid the Florida Keys of piratical wreckers who preyed on the lifeline of her wind-jammer merchant marine in the 1840's.

The stand-out sequence in this swash-buckling saga of the sea comes when Ray Milland and Wayne, in an old wreck on the bottom of the Caribbean, engage in a nightmarish battle with a giant squid.

In the supporting cast, Raymond Massey plays the heavy villain, King Cutler, chief of the wreckers. Lynne Overman portrays his mortal enemy, Robert Preston, Susan Hayward, Charles Bickford, Martha O'Driscoll, Walter Hampden, Janet Beecher and Louise Denver do well in their appointed roles.

**Hollywood
Newsreel**

(By John Kennedy)

WARNER BROTHERS have bought the film rights of "Fall of Valour," by Charles Jackson, author of "The Lost Week-end."

But I understand they've abandoned any idea of producing it.

It deals with the unsavoury subject of sexual perversion, and I believe there were many protests when making the film was suggested.

In any case, the Johnston Office would undoubtedly have insisted on so many alterations that all the point of the book would have been lost.

GABLE'S COMEBACK
IN MGM's new film "The Hucksters," Clark Gable is going to try really to regain his prewar star position.

In it, too, visiting British star Deborah Kerr is making her bid for American fame.

WIGGING THE KID
I DIDN'T see it myself, but I'm told that the sight of the week was Jackie Coogan in Billingsley's wearing a wig.

Jackie was almost bald 10 years ago, when I wrote his life story.

At that time he was married to Betty Grable.

The years have certainly altered Chaplin's "Kid."

LAST REDSKINS
VERNON CANSINO, young brother of Columbia star, Rita Hayworth, will make his debut as an actor in a dramatic role in "The Last of the Redmen."

The film stars Jon Hall and Michael O'Shea, and is based on Fenimore Cooper's "The Last of the Mohicans."

Vernon Casino was in the army for three years, and was wounded on the last day of the Anzio campaign.

YOUNG PRODUCER
ROBERT YOUNG is to make his debut as a producer.

He's to make a film tentatively entitled "Three Were Thoroughbreds," in which he will also play the leading role opposite Marguerite Chapman.

**MORE BRITISH
PICTURES**

British films, which are winning good opinions all over the world for their quality, are now to go in for quantity, which so far has been restricted by lack of space caused by studios being requisitioned for war purposes.

When Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade addressed film makers in London recently, he said it was hoped to raise the number of films from the 30 made in 1946 to 60 or 80.

He gave the news that British producers are overcoming the lack of studios by many ingenious means. Sydney Box, who made "The Seventh Veil," in a small studio—"An eighth wonder of production," said Sir Stafford—is planning four pictures to consist mainly of outside shots so as to get round the studio space bottleneck, and other producers are sending teams of British film makers abroad.

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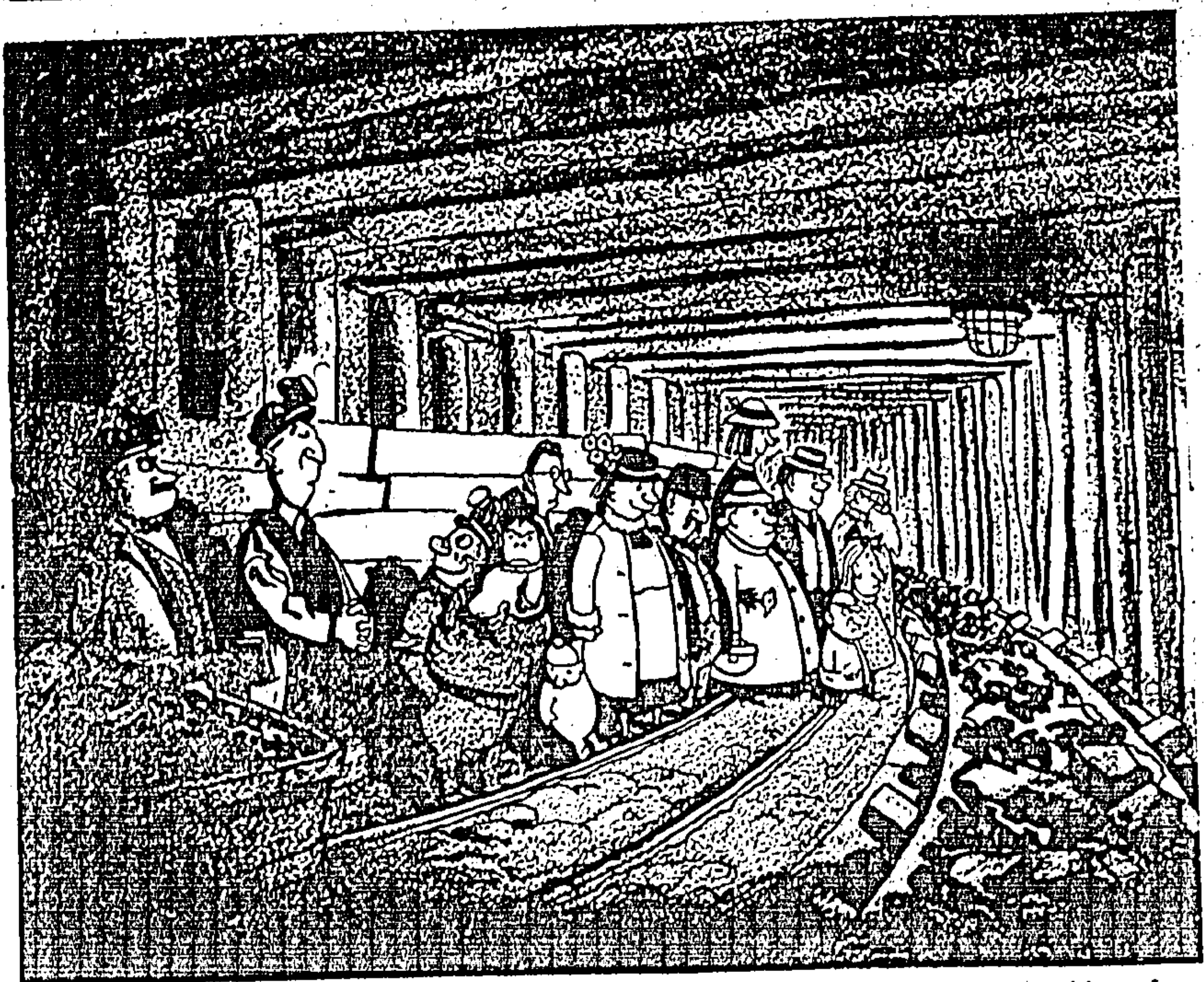
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—By "Candidus"—

ON with the dance! The war is over! Yes! I am aware that a War Memorial Fund has been decided upon as after the last war, but then, as now, nobody suggested a sacred record, immortalising the names of those who made the supreme sacrifice. I would like to see in every city and every village throughout the United Nations, shrines erected to those who were victims of savage aggression. The record would be little; the constant reminder a warning to future generations. Unfortunately, we are showing signs of returning to our pre-war complacency.

I forget the actual date, but some-when about nineteen-seventeen or eighteen, one Percy Hobson Holyoak, at a public meeting in the Old City Hall, swayed a packed audience into passing a resolution that no German should be allowed to return to the Colony for a period of 10 years after the termination of the war. Hardly had the Armistice been signed than Hongkong, in common with other parts of the Empire, "got on with business" while the Germans filtered back again and commenced their scheming and plotting for "Der Tag"—and to-day, you and I suffer in consequence.

We are resuming trade with the Japanese, and while for economic reasons they must be per-

mitted to rehabilitate themselves, I trust they will never again be permitted to plot and plan in the land of others. It must be emphasised and re-emphasised that the Germans and the Japanese, unless watched constantly, will scheme to develop another surprise effort to exterminate, by the million, races who stand in their path.

In 1934, shortly after the Austrian Chancellor, Dollfus, was assassinated, I had a number of conversations with the head of the German "Trans-Ocean" Service in the Far East—Herr Faurholtzer. I subsequently discovered that he was a personal friend of Hitler.

I asked him why Germany was meddling and causing uneasiness in European affairs. Expressing the opinion that if she continued to pursue her dangerous policy, another world war would break out, I painted a picture of what form I considered the next war would take. Women and children slaughtered; London, Berlin, Paris reduced to ashes; untold misery and destruction.

With the cold-blooded indifference and arrogance of the German, Faurholtzer asked me: "Is it any more painful for women and children to die, than for men in uniform?" He proceeded to explain that it was undoubtedly true that cities would be wiped out, but that there was one aspect which the Englishman was liable to forget. "After such a war," he said, "all nations will be reduced to equality, but Germany will be the first to rise again."

REMEMBER, that after a few months only since the end of World War II, a plot has been discovered in Germany which, according to all reports, is associated with the development of germ warfare. In 1934, Professor Banz published a book, "Germany Prepare for War," in which a chapter was devoted to germ warfare. Although it was apparently not developed in time for the war just over, make no mistake about it, both Germany and Japan will endeavour by underground methods to discover some means to secure revenge. Don't dismiss this as fantastic. It is no more fantastic than the fiction of Jules Verne which, as we all know, became a grim reality, more intense even than his ingenious brain had designed.

IN mapping out a safety programme for our late enemies, very special attention must be given to indicating the limitations of scientific endeavour on their part, and there must never be a letting-up in the strictest form of surveillance.

The deep-seated nature of the German is as barbaric as it was centuries ago when the Huns overran Europe; and after Belsen, gas chambers and concentration camps, we cannot plead ignorance of the inhumanity and bestiality of the Germans, so faithfully copied by their Japanese satellites.

FOR a decade before the recent war, we were afraid to speak our mind. I remember a Japanese Vice-Consul being arrested in Hongkong in 1939 for photographing defence areas. When it was discovered that he was in the Consular Service, officialdom got the shock of its life. No action was taken! For our sins we couldn't help it then. No paper would have dared to publish such an article as this because we were "on the spot!"

That symbol of the bonds of slavery no longer mars Hongkong's skyline. May the world ensure that its future outlook is never again darkened by the threat of bloody oppression and conquest.

On with the dance by all means, but do not let our joy lull us into a sense of false security.

WHY IS A HORSE?

THIS week I have read nearly half a million words about the horse, something I would never have dreamed of undertaking had I not been stuck indoors all the time with a cold.

The half-million words are all in one volume called "The Book of the Horse" and after the first few hundred thousand of them I felt so up in the subject that I called on the family for questions and was at once struck down by my small son, who asked: Well, why is a horse?

This is a fundamental question that none of the 38 contributors attempt to answer. But they do tell you a surprising number of things people have done with the horse since they found it wild and began altering it to suit themselves.

Early ancestors

NO one knows who was the first man to tame a horse, but there are pictures of horses in caves that are 50,000 years old, and in the Metropolitan Museum of Fine Arts in New York is a statuette of an Egyptian riding bare-back that was made about 2,500 B.C. Except that he has a wig on and no shirt, the rider looks very much like a stable-boy of to-day.

The horse in the cave and the one from Egypt represent the two main types from which our horses of to-day are descended. The cave-man's horse was heavy boned and lethargic, and lived in cold countries. The other was warm blooded and lively.

By mixing the two, man—and nature—have produced the different types of to-day. In this book alone there are 116 breeds mentioned, and their names begin with every letter in the alphabet but U (unicorns don't count).

X? Yes, the Greeks had a horse called the Xanthos. Z? The Zapata. It comes from Spain. So does the Querriro.

Before they thought of putting horses to work and using them for sport, people used them for milking and eating. Nomads in Asia still milk them, and the Belgians still eat them.

In Iceland they had horse fights once, and in Asia one of the earliest forms of racing was done without riders. The horses were kept thirty and trained to race each other to the nearest oasis. Part of the "sport" which backers now denied was beating up the horse you didn't want to win.

There's a record of one of these races over a 14-mile course for a stake of 100 camels. One punter with his shekels on an outsider laboured the favourite so hard that he paralyzed his arm for life.

We've gone a long way since then, especially in England. In 1812 we hanged a man for nobbling.

"The Book of the Horse" by Nicholson and Watson (two guineas).



Bony Backed

It's Fun Finding Out about horses, particularly when a 500,000 word book introduces such friends as Stagy, Backed and Peacocky



Peacocky

by BERNARD WICKSTEED

Regular readers will know what nobbling is. But for those who don't, I'll quote from the 13-page "glossary of equine terms" that "The Book of the Horse" contains.

This says that nobbling is maiming, poisoning or otherwise "getting at" a horse.

A cocktail is...

YOU might be interested in some of the other words in the glossary, because, in addition to milking the horse, eating it, riding it, racing it, driving it, working it and altering its appearance, people have also built up a language round it.

In horse circles, for instance, a cocktail isn't something you drink. It's a horse that's not a thoroughbred. A dog isn't a dog, but a racehorse that fails to reproduce in public the form it showed at home.

A roadster has four legs, not four wheels and is notable for riding comfort more than speed. Then there's the flapper, which isn't a filly with her mane done up in plaits but a horse that runs at unauthorised race meetings.

Horse language

JUST to show you what heights of self-expression horse people can reach when they really let themselves go, here is an advertisement circulated in Epsom in 1920.

"On Saturday next will be sold by auction the strong, staunch, sturdy, stout, sound, safe, sinewy, serviceable, strapping swift, smart, slightly, sprightly, spirited, sure-footed sorrel steed of superb symmetry, styled Spanker.

"He is free from strain, spavin, string-halt, stranguary, staggers, scouring, strangles, sallenders, surfelt, starfoot, splent, scars and shambling gait.

"He is neither spur-galled, sinewy shrunk, saddle-galped, shell-toothed, sling gutted, subrated, nor short-winded. He has neither stiftast, snaggle-teeth, sandcrack, nor scater hoofs.

"He never slips, stalks, starts, stops, shakes, snarvels, stumbles or stocks in the stable and he has a showy stylish switch tail."

As a matter of fact I've left a lot of it out, but you'll gather from what I have quoted that people who love horses are never at a loss for a word.

And of them all hunting people are, perhaps, the least inarticulate, for in a bibliography on this subject alone the book lists no fewer than 700 titles.

When you buy

DOES all this make you think that you ought to add a horse to the list of things you need? Well, "The Book of the Horse" tells you how to buy one.

I bought a horse once. I got it off a cattleman in Australia for five bob. A £10 saddle went with it, and he wouldn't sell them separately.

When I paid the money I asked the horse's name and he said it was Boko, which was Australian for one-eyed. It wasn't till then I noticed that indeed it had only one eye.

I wouldn't do a thing like that again because I know now the eyes are something you have to look at, as well as count.

If they're too prominent it indicates a nervous temperament, just as it often does in a pop-eyed person. If they are too sunken it's a sign of bad temper.

Another thing you have to look for is the angle of the shoulder blade. In a work horse this should be 65 to 70 degrees from the horizontal, but in anything built for speed it should be no more than 55 degrees.

If you glance at a horse, or even a picture of one you'll see why.

In order to get up a good speed a racehorse has to throw its front legs well forward, which it couldn't do so easily if its shoulder blades were perpendicular to the ground.

A racehorse will cost you about £1,000 as a yearling. Unless you really know what you are doing it

is not the best kind of horse for a beginner, as the following figures will show.

There are about 5,000 racehorses in training every season, and the total prize money available is £750,000, which works out at £150 per horse.

And that is just about a third of what it costs to keep one horse in training for one season.

A thousand pounds is only the average. At that price the breeder breaks about even. The record for a yearling is 28,000 guineas—at the 1945 Newmarket sales.

If that's more than you can go to at the moment, how about a nice line in carthorses? A pedigree Shire, suitable for work but not the show-ring, will cost anything from £55 to £100, though a first-class stallion might knock you back £2,000.

The two extremes

BUT you would have something to show for your money, for a fully grown shire weighs more than a ton.

At the other extreme there's the Shetland pony. It's so small that a man can lift it, yet it will carry two fully grown people on its back. And it's a good long-term investment, for a Shetland lives to a great age. Thirty is common, and there's a story of one that reached a hundred.

I am afraid I still haven't answered the question: Why is a horse? And perhaps I'm putting my neck out mentioning it, but I'm beginning to believe that a lot of people think it was sent by Providence to give them something to write about.

WILLIAM HICKEY SUBLIMESTONE

SPELLS of the reigning witch of Wokey are uncommon—friendliness, a fund of shaggy-dog stories and a warmth of fellow-feeling for all stalagmites and stalactites.

Her predecessors in the Mendip cavern of Wokey Hole were less attractive crones and one so evil was stricken in stone and is spellbound there for ever.

I prefer my witches blonde and beautiful.

With her husband, Mrs. OLIVE HODGKINSON is co-director of this great cave burrowed by the subterranean river Axe. The job is full-time because getting on for 100,000 people were afflicted with spasmodic spelunkology last year.

Yesterday she told me of a romance unique in Britain, how boy-meets-girl in stone.

In January 1932 a stalagmite (goes up) and a stalactite (comes down) were about 1/4th of an inch apart. In May that year they got together, clasped by a hairs-breadth filament of limestone.

Now, 15 years afterwards, the knot is perhaps appreciably thicker, possibly 1-8,000th of an inch, but still too delicate to measure.

As the rate of growth is between 1/4 inch and one inch every 1,000

years, progress will not be reported in this column. Being chaperone to such a stony courtship is so unusual that I wonder if there is a stranger job held by a woman.

My elegant hostess to boiled shirt dinner-party at Grosvenor House arrived carrying neat parcel of half a loaf of bread and her week's butter ration which seems real hospitality.

As the meal progressed, waiters made repeated, but smartly-thwarted attempts to remove the remains of loaf and butter. Remonstrance brought the apologetic explanation: "It's annoying, the other diners."

Admiring, glorying for this once in such Croesus wealth, we refused to part with one crumb from the rich man's table.

How long, I wonder, before the hotels charge crustago?

SECOND Senior Officers' Conference to be called by Field-Marshal MONTGOMERY is code-named "Operation Spearhead."

Such mumbo-jumbo was a useful security measure in war, but is tomfoolery now.

Why not plain English like Senior Officers' Conference?

ENTHUSIASM at the Cinematograph Exhibitors' dinner about the "three thousand" cinemas in

Britain, Mr. MORRISON was promptly corrected, told there were 5,000.

"For once the Government has got its figures wrong," he apologised, "and it would be a poor Government that did not go wrong at least once, but it would be a still more miserable Government that did not admit that it was wrong."

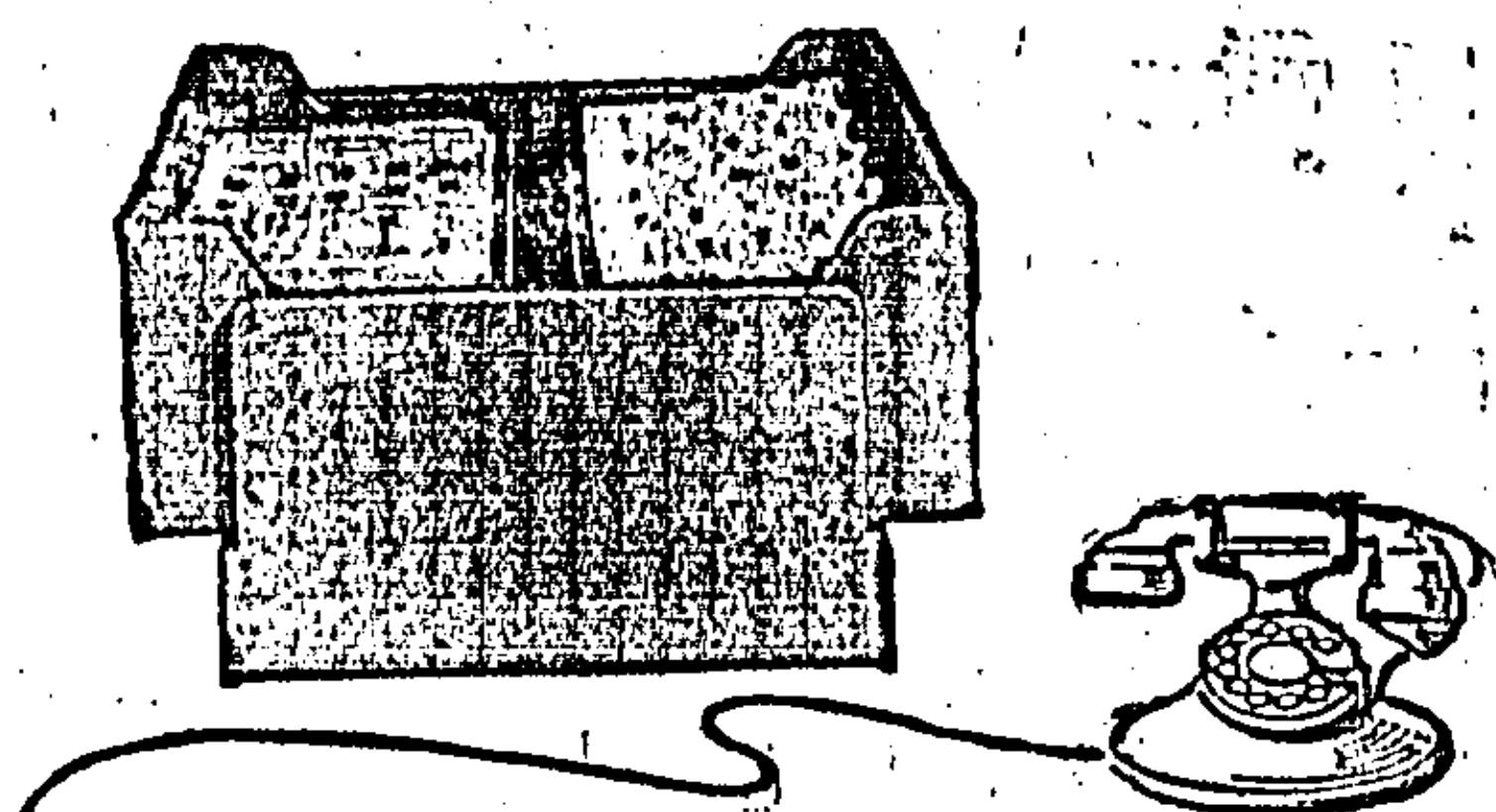
And do two wrongs still make a Right?

NOT so long ago Lord CALDERCOTE was Lord Chancellor of England and the last word on the law. Yet now he has to write to a newspaper to ask: "Can anyone tell me why my wife is prevented by law from witnessing my signature of deeds?"

As he still gets 25,000 a year for once having known the answers to such legalities, surely he should be telling us?

DISTINGUISHED visitor going round an aircraft factory asked one girl: "What are you making?" "Time and a half," she said.

FROM Guy's Hospital Gazette: ".....to Vancora.....a son (brother for Jean Mary)." Frank, do you think?



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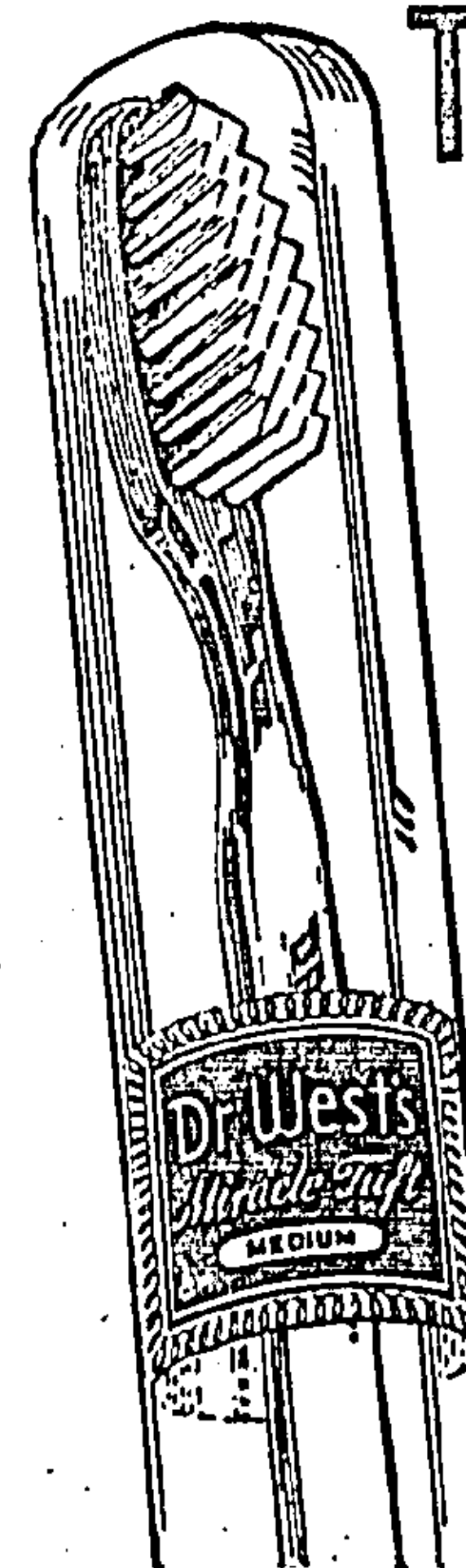
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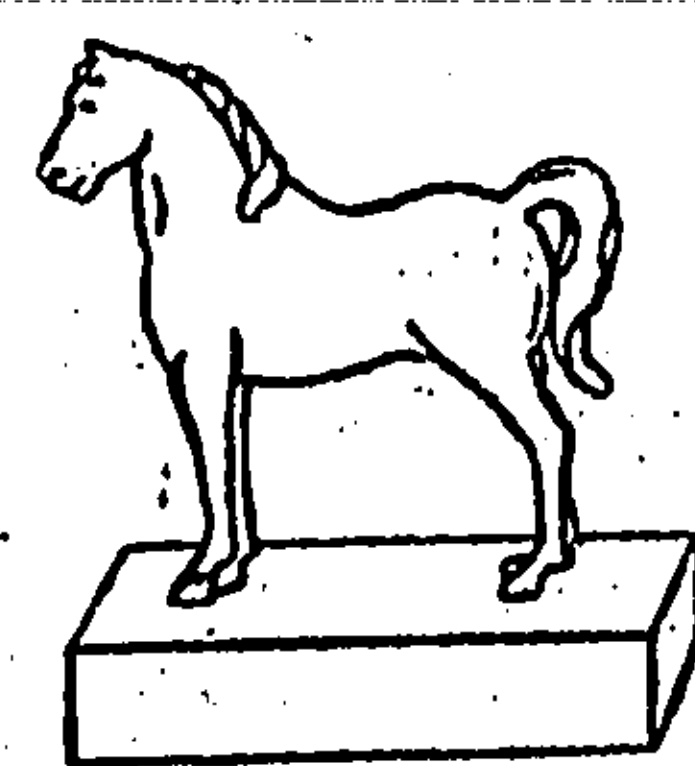
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Jap Waitress Was Killed By Dog

Miss Mitsuko Gomi, the 22-year-old Tokyo waitress whose nude body was found in a wheat field, was killed by a wild dog and not by a man, said Japanese police.

Apparently the dog attacked the girl who, despondent over a reputation that she was neglecting her work, was walking aimlessly far from home.

The Tokyo police began a round-up of stray dogs fearing that those which have tasted human flesh may kill more women or children, says Associated Press.

Advertising Fair On Letters

Through the medium of electrically driven stamp cancelling machines, capable of dealing with more than 600 letters a minute, post offices in Britain are co-operating in the nation's vital drive for export trade. A special postmark designed to attract attention to the British Industries Fair, which is to be held in London and Birmingham in May next, is being stamped on letters and postcards mailed in London and selected large provincial towns, particularly those where there are heavy postings for overseas destinations.

THIS PAGE RESERVED FOR SPORTS



DR. O'FLANAGAN

How Rough Is Soccer?

By Ian Coster

Allegations of "thug soccer"—with-at-any-cost—are being made. Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur have both complained in their programmes. Other clubs are suffering their casualty lists are longer than they need be if opposition players' tactics were always above board.

Which brings up the query: "How rough is soccer?"

"On the whole there are no complaints," says Dr. Kevin O'Flanagan, who has been playing for Arsenal most of the season.

He thinks there ought to be a distinction between vigorous play of which he is an exponent, and dirty tackling and fouling.

As an international at both soccer and Rugby, he thinks that soccer is by far the most dangerous game and that the chances of getting "whole-hearted wallop" are much more with the oval ball. That is admitted.

'I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE'

Pursuing the idea that soccer has become extremely foul—an idea which had not occurred to me in the games which I have watched—I asked the Football Association.

They had "nothing to say."

Neither had the Players' Union. Jimmy Fay, its secretary, says he has been watching football every Saturday, but he has never seen a player deliberately foul another.

"The referee ought to be strong enough to control the game and put any player off who is playing with malicious intent," says Fay. That is also admitted.

But the referee does not always see all that goes on in a game.

'PENALTY BOX' NO GOOD

There is the severe penalty of suspension for foul players. That ought to be enough, provided the referee has his eyes open.

The suggestion of the chairman of Fulham that players ought to be sent off, as ice-hockey players are, for a session in the "cooler," would not work out.

What player would mind spending ten minutes in a penalty box if he had prevented a certain goal being scored?

Soccer ought to be robust and willing. The dirty player will eventually get their deserts.

Perhaps the FA could have a sort of vigilante committee who would attend matches and watch carefully for deliberate infringements of the rules. But I do not think that the committee is really necessary.

SERVICES AND OLYMPICS

Are the Army, the Navy and the RAF going to do the right thing by Britain's Olympic hopes for 1948?

That question is giving concern to the AAA. In the past, the Forces have given facilities to young hopes. Now, our chances of putting up a respectable show in the Games are in their hands.

At least four of the best young athletes have been called up.

They are Alan Paterson, the high jumper, who has cleared 6ft. 6½in., and was second in the European games; D. G. Pugh, the quarter-miler, third in the European event; John Hodgkinson, high hurdler, who won the AAA junior championship for 120 hurdles; and R. H. Waller, long jumper, who cleared more than 22ft. at 18.

AWAY FROM CLUBS

All these youngsters are fine prospects, and they have now reached a vital stage of preparation. Unless they are given special facilities during their Army service they will not be much help in trying to keep our colours flying in the Olympic Games.

They are away from their clubs, and the AAA has no control over them.

Paterson is joining the Scots Guards; it is to be hoped the Guards training will not have an adverse effect on his jumping skill.

Those four athletes are outstanding, but there are hundreds of others, now in the Forces, who ought to be given every assistance to keep them keen and confident.

SHIELD MATCHES PRODUCE GOOD AND BAD FORM

Lau Chung-Sang Was Brilliant

(BY SEE TEE)

Although there will be a general anti-climax feeling about local football for some while following the thrilling battles between 45 Commando and Sing Tao, this week-end's fixture list is not without interest. The pick is undoubtedly tomorrow's meeting of South China and 42 Commando. This is an interesting match and promises to draw a large crowd.

45 Commando's swan-song in local football should end on a victorious note for this fast moving team should carry the day against the Club this afternoon.

It is very odd that the Senior Shield semi-finals should have produced such vastly different types of football. The South China-Kwong Wah match on the Club ground last Sunday was about the dulllest semi-final one may expect to see for many a day. It was a different story at Caroline Hill both last Saturday and on Wednesday.

On each occasion, however, both Sing Tao and 45 Commando indulged in what can only be termed "flash-half" football. The Commandos seemed content to play the type of cup-tie football which puts the opposition out of its stride; there was a disinterestedness about their attack which was not understanding.

A DIFFERENT STORY

Magical changes came over both teams almost immediately after the resumption of play. On Saturday it was the encouragement of a penalty kick which set the game alight. On Wednesday, a stiff breeze (entirely absent at the start of play) set the ball rolling to the Commandos' advantage and it is due to say that the majority of the second half they were storming the Sing Tao goal.

Many followers of the local game have asked why it was the apparently irrepressible Commandos failed to score during this hot, whereas the more harassed Sing Tao forwards notched the winning goal.

It was the urgent need for a shooting forward line which led the Sing Tao selectors to play Lau Chung-sang at inside-right on Saturday. This very accomplished half back has a good shot in either foot and has scored several goals from the wing half position; usually smashing drives from long range.

The return of Lau to his right half-back position was one of the decisive factors in Wednesday's re-play. Lau is one of the best halves in local

football and when he is playing in his usual place in company with Hul and Fung the Sing Tao team is a properly balanced machine.

THE KEY-MAN

With Hul (the pivot) lying between his two backs and keeping a watchful eye on the mercurial Goldthorpe, the two wing halves lay upfield. Lau was always in the thick of it, intercepting passes and turning them back against his opponents with great advantage. He scored the first goal of the game, a meticulously worked out shot (the Commandos gave him far too much room in which to work the ball into position) which went home with great power after Taylor had got his hands to it.

It was Lau who swung the ball upfield to his outside right for the way to be made for the winning goal, and it was he who very resolutely and very cleanly broke up many of the fierce Commando raids.

Carlos Silva-Netto, a Club do Recreio fastball pitcher in action at King's Park.

Last Sunday's desultory display by South China need not be taken into account in forecasting the result of their meeting with 42 Commando tomorrow. 42 Commando are a well-knit side who play very similar football to "45." In their league game with Sing Tao in early January they fought every inch of the way. They lost 2-0, the first goal coming from a penalty kick in the first half.

On the run of current form this is certain to be a "needle" match. The odds are very slightly on South China with a very good chance of a draw.

Star The Crowd Jeered Makes Wolves A Wonder Team

BY PAUL IRWIN

Once upon a time, and this is no fairy story, a famous English footballer said there was nobody quite so cruel as the average Soccer spectator when things went wrong for a player.

"You're just as good as your present form," he philosophised.

"You can hear the nails being hammered into your coffin once you have a bad match."

His words came to mind when I saw Stanley Cullis, greatest centre half of our time, slide and slither in the Luton mud one raw December afternoon in 1945.

It was his first appearance before an English crowd since he packed his kitbag and fell in, facing the Italy-bound boat.

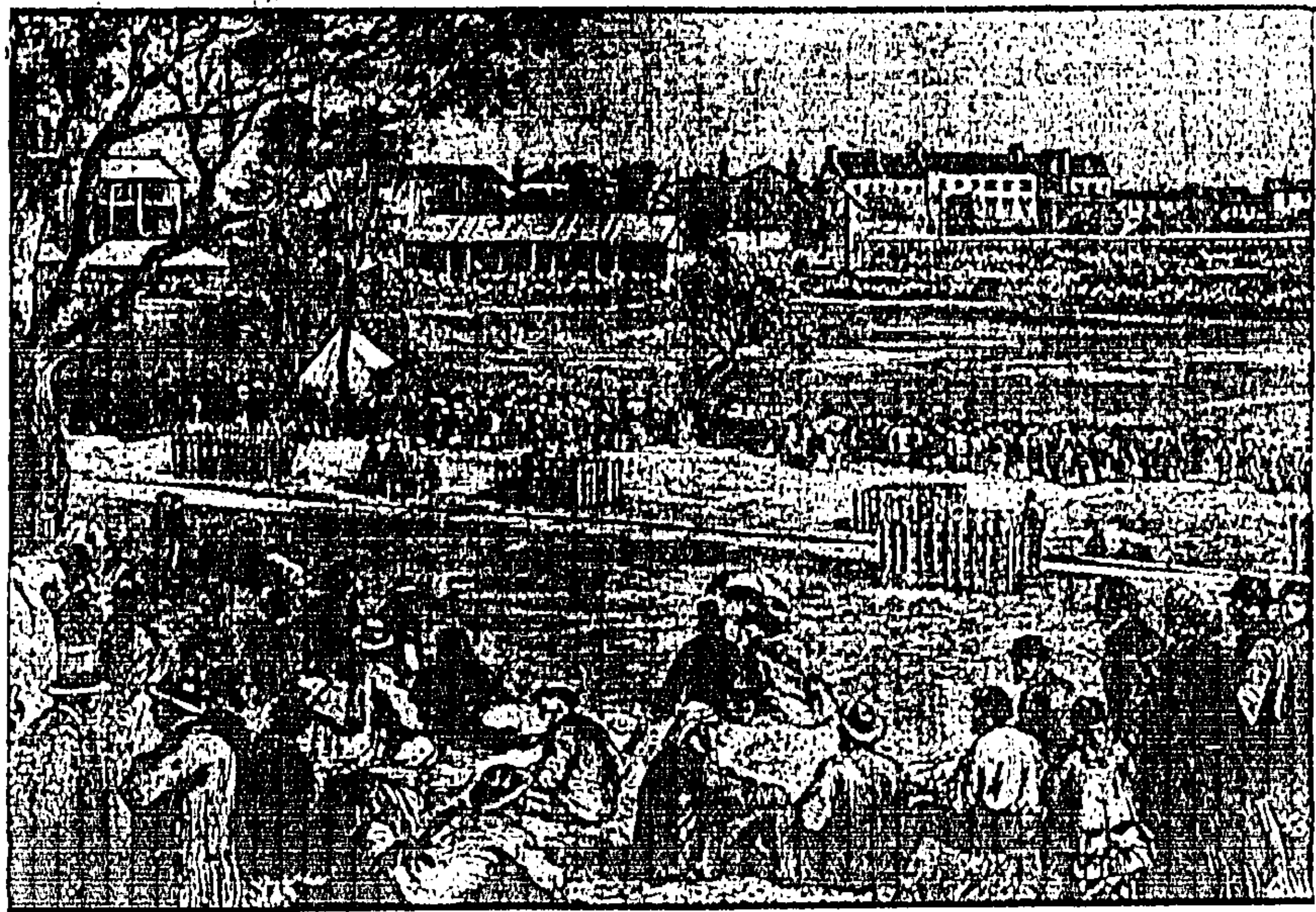
LOST TOUCH

Two years overseas had done something more to Cullis than rub some hair off his head. It had put wrinkles on his football craft.

He was out of touch. Things simply would not go right for him, and the Luton crowd, forgetting all his grand games for England and the Wolves, began to sneer and jeer.

His face masked his feelings, but I know he took the barracking very badly. Perhaps, like so many other returning warriors, he did not bargain for the shortness of human memory.

Worse followed. By February 1946 he was out of the Wolves team for a week or so. The operative word was "rested," but it fooled nobody.



The fifth and final Test in the 1946-47 series is now being played between Australia and England at the Sydney Oval. This picture shows a sketch of the original Sydney ground when a Test match was first played there in 1862.

FASTBALL NOTES

SEASON NEARING ITS END

(BY "SPECTATOR")

The official League season is heading toward the end and in another two week-ends all fixtures, barring postponements, will have been completed. Virtually the Giants have taken the flag but before all is done and finished with, there remain three games to be played which should prove interesting for rivalry between the teams participating are of the keenest.

First, in the second tilt of the day to-morrow, Tony Alves' Rambling Rees, although not in on the championship, are certain to go all out to down the conquering Giants. The "second best" St. Joseph's will have to be alert if they intend to put their runners-up position on ice against the speedy Rovers next Sunday.

Also, Rees meeting Canadian Chinese on the same day is expected to produce some close play, observing that the latter club of themselves in to victory in the marathon affair when they last met in the first round.

The opener in this week's two games is that between Baseball Club and Canadian Chinese. If they turn up there will be a game—which is not going to be much of a battle.

The Taipei-lah Baseballers will have done their duty and enjoyed themselves before going down to the Canadian boys.

Last week, Doc Molten and his Clubbers were not there and palmed over a walk-over to the Saints, for reasons unknown but presumably by mutual agreement the fixtures were cleared as per schedule, the dock

could be cleared for the International Series—we are going to have that, aren't we?

TROPHIES WANTED

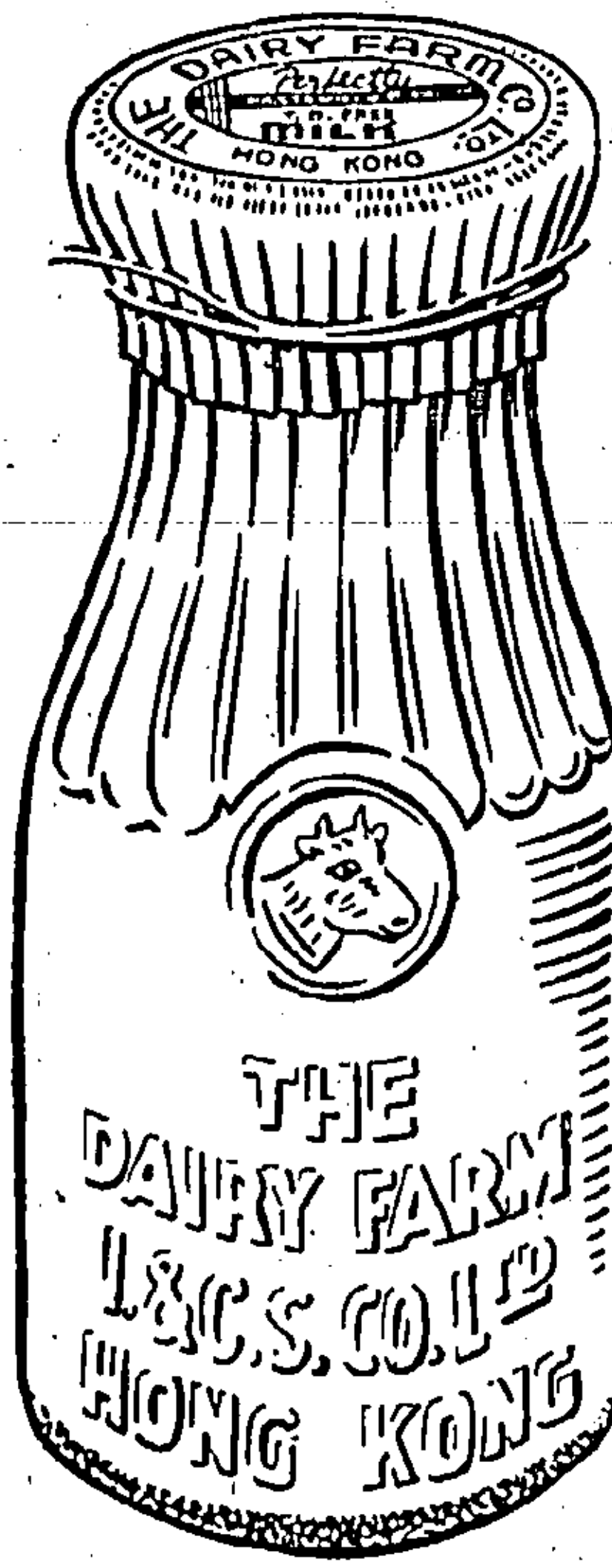
It is thought not premature to discuss championship trophies. So far there have been donors of prizes for the champions. Even if prizes don't count much, as some people think, still that sort of thing has been done and will continue to be done.

The prewar trophies for the champions of the men's and ladies' divisions of the erstwhile League and the International competition have not been retrieved and can be considered as lost. However,

it does not appear difficult for one of the many sporting, generous gentlemen in our midst to give thought to and act on the matter of donating a shield, cup or something for the winners of this year's competitions. Don't rush, now, as for the moment, the League will want only two challenge trophies—to be competed for and retained only by the same winner for three consecutive seasons. And maybe if players are lucky enough some individual prizes may be forthcoming.

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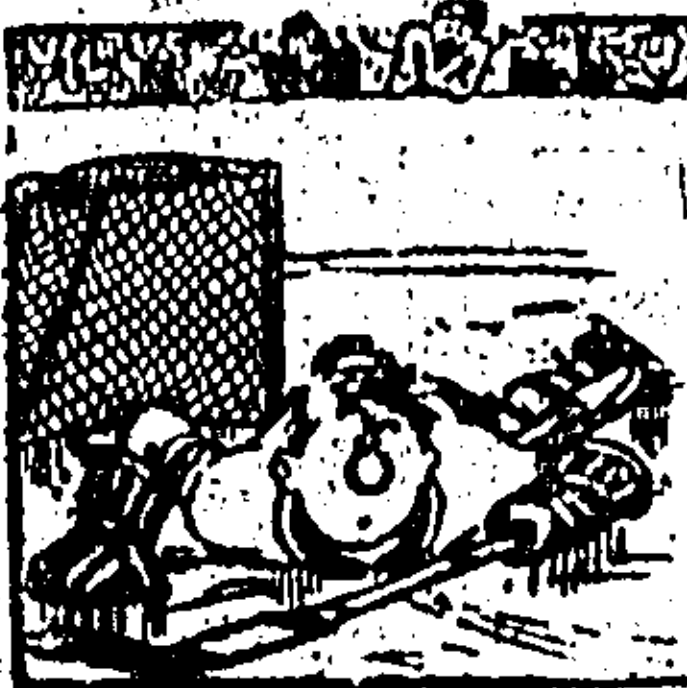
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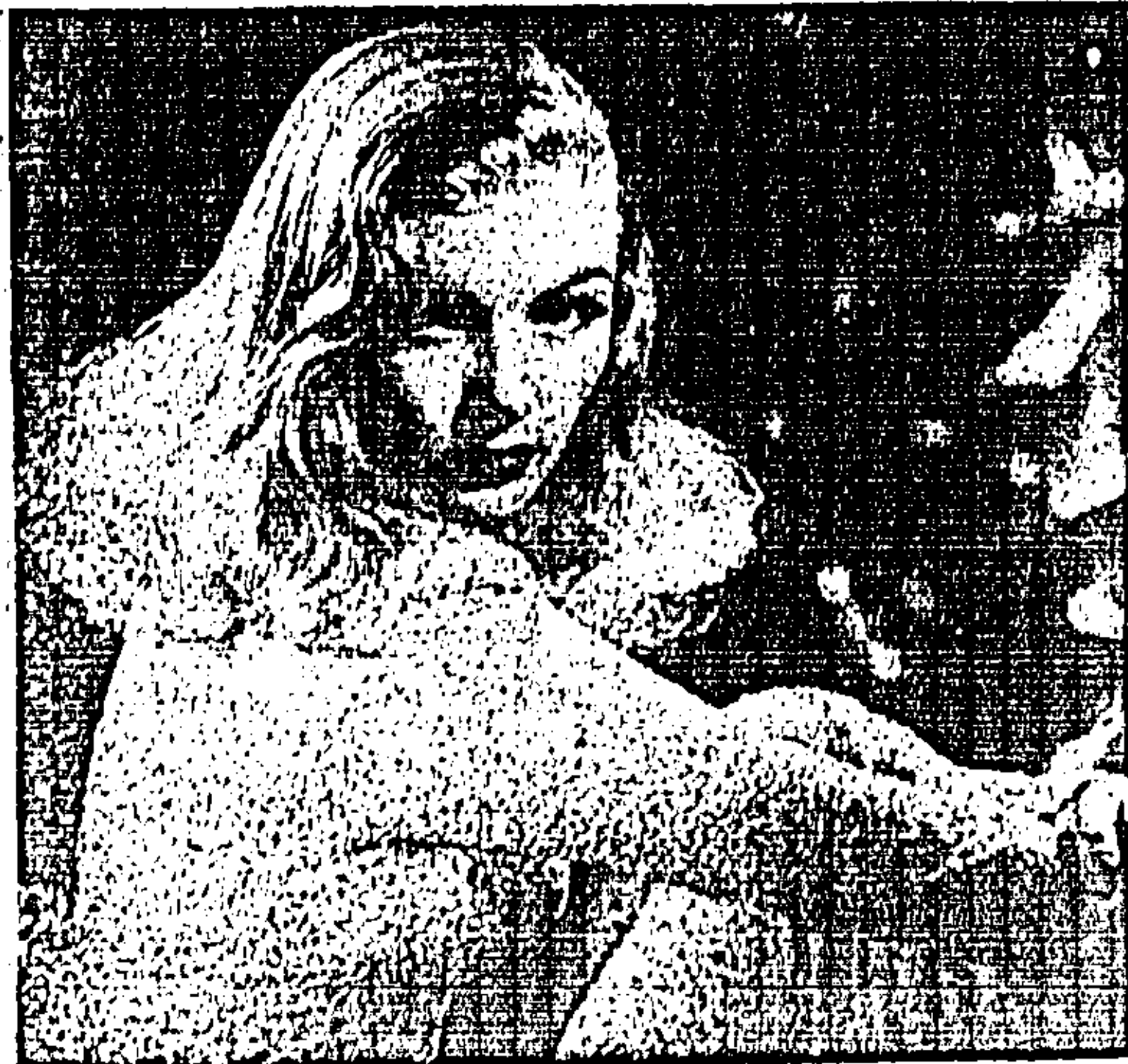


By Reg. Wootton



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"Dear Lois Leeds—Is a white satin dress correct for a large reception from six to eight P.M. I am a recent bride.—NANCY."

Yes, it will be correct. I suggest a feathered headdress, it will give a smart look to your outfit. Your husband should wear formal clothes if you wear your wedding dress.

"Dear Lois Leeds—I have a very wide face, I am fair skinned. Should I wear rouge?—NELL J."

Choose face powder in as deep a shade as is becoming to you. This will make your face look less broad. A little rouge, high up under the eyes, will deepen the highlights in the centre of your face. Don't let the rouge extend outwards. Concentrate on a nice mouth makeup and wear your hair high. Deep "V" necklines would be most becoming.

"Dear Lois Leeds—Is exercise good for an expectant mother?—E. M."

In some cases, yes, but I do not recommend it as I cannot know the physical condition of the individual woman. Discuss this with your doctor and follow his advice.

"Dear Lois Leeds—Is liquid powder used on the arms for evening?—J. K."

Yes, and very flattering it is. Blend it well and blot dry with tissues.

WOMAN IN THE KITCHEN

NEXT time you make an egg custard—two eggs and two dessertspoonfuls of sugar to one pint milk—give it a caramel top by sprinkling thickly with sugar when it is quite cold and popping it under a hot grill until the sugar is melted and brown. Served cold as possible, this has to be tasted to be believed.

FOR really crisp chips, remove them from the fat as soon as they are tender and limp (use a fish-slice if you haven't a chip basket); reheat the fat till it smokes and finish frying.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Are women losing their hold on men?

By L. J. MILLER

A BELIEVEDLY mild-mannered American women's college president has let loose a blast against modern woman that's caused something of a sensation.

It is Dr. Sybil White, President of Mills College for Women at Oakland, California, who told a conference of the American Association of Colleges at Boston, Massachusetts:

"Women are through. They've lost their power over men." Dr. White made these trenchant criticisms of modern women:

Women are expensive. They want lots for what they give. Women's bargaining power, which in the long run means her respect and social status, to-day is less than it used to be.

Movies, radio, and modern fiction to-day present marriage as the consummation of courtship based on sex attraction and nothing else.

Untold numbers of women have been deluded by a romantic craze into entering inherently unstable marriages.

Women's hold is growing weaker because women live longer than men.

Women are soft and tough, and men die in higher proportion. As a result we now have a surplus of women.

DR. WHITE, who is the father of two children, expressed the belief that the road back to power for women, was colleges which developed "self-confident" women.

Oddly enough, the response of women students at White's col-

lege was mixed, some roundly condemning him, others praising.

One 20-year-old student said: "Women have far more bargaining power than ever. We've more now to offer intellectually and in companionship."

"Although some husbands resent a wife's independence, they should be flattered because they have been chosen by women with modern learning and capabilities."

Another remarked coldly: "Women are just as feminine as they have always been. They'll never lose their hold on men."

Miss Janet Clark, president of the college's student body, said: "Men are losing their power over women. If a man resents women's development, he is maladjusted."

SAGE CULPEPPER, a 20-year-old blonde from Honolulu, said: "I am engaged, and I think it's better to be a pal and do things together. We couldn't get married if I wasn't going to work. My fiance likes me this way."

"Some girls might want to go to college to learn to set a table, but not me."

Doris Shaughnessy, campus recreational director at Mills College, said women's loss of influence was only one bit of the national picture.

Standards and morals in the United States had slipped, and women would regain their power only by training themselves to be effective members of society.

A NUMBER of girl students vehemently supported Dr. White's criticisms.

"That marvellous man," said Mary Cannel, 21-year-old senior student. "He's absolutely right. By gaining independence and equality, women have lost their influence. They may be satisfied with what they have gained, but they have certainly lost something."

Jane Edwards, 21, of California, said: "By going out into the world, women have lost grace and femininity and womanly influence, and it shows up in lots of ways."

"Men don't stand up in street cars any more, and they don't show little attentions."

"Women want things on an equal basis, and if they show femininity they make fools of themselves. I think they have shown complete indiscretion."

FEMININE power had slipped, according to 19-year-old Michael Lovgren, because many women were satisfied to be inferior because they didn't take an interest in world affairs.

"Men want their women capable," she said. "An educated, stimulating woman will always have an influence."

Students at Mills College are reported to be planning to picket Dr. White on his return to California.

INGENUITY FOR YOU

The ingenuity of the dress industry in Britain has overcome the continued shortage of textiles in a way which may make fashion history. For instance, in a recent collection the designer showed suits complete with two-colour waistcoats, the front of which was in the suit material, the back in a vivid contrasting colour.

Then there were other outfits which consisted of a skirt in fine suiting and top cut so closely to the figure that it looked like a matching bodice until the main skirt removed it and proved that it was actually a fitting jacket. Beneath this was worn a contrasting blouse in woolen jersey, and over it a long coat.

In this way are the designers trying to help women who must make a suit live a double or even triple life. The idea has gained ground, and a neat little afternoon dress has a waist-length jacket which, when discarded, reveals that the top of the dress is cut low enough to transform it into a gown suitable for theatre or restaurant wear. If a slight trimming of gleaming sequins is added to the décolletage of this dress, it is all the more for it suggests a touch of glamour as nothing else could.

which entails set exercises, games and dancing can be started from the age of about two-and-a-half. The best time is the early morning. My two children and I do it then every day. It does mean getting up ten minutes earlier, but is well worth it in the results it brings.

The children should exercise naked with the window wide open, for the value of fresh air on the skin in combination with exercise is of considerable importance.

They start with some warming activity—running round the room being "trains," jumping as "bunnies," springing high into the air or clapping their bodies down to the toes and up.

Then come feet exercises, to strengthen the arch of the foot, mobilise the toes and counteract any tendency towards knock knees or bumpy legs.

Next we work on the shoulders—swinging arms as "propellers" or "aircrews" and learning to "stand up tall" and "sit up straight" with a flat back. Lastly comes deep breathing, expanding the whole of the chest cage—and, incidentally, providing a most successful antidote to colds.

Miss Mabel Mayby
by GABRIELLE



If you get a sudden call for a "date" you want to look your prettiest! But—there's that ugly little bump! Just cover it with a tiny black "beauty spot". The Beauties of long ago wore beauty spots to make a dimple but you can use them as cover-ups!

THREE STAGES TO A SMALL NEAT HEAD



- 1—This wide-brimmed hat that was shown at the Paris dress show last summer, it was worn far back on the head, with a large chignon.
- 2—Already being seen on smart Parisiennes, this smaller hat fits rather more closely on the head, and round the nape-length hair.
- 3—The next development: Even shorter hair, deeper crown and probably covering the hair at the front, at the back and on one side only.

HEALTH-GIVING EXERCISES FOR CHILDREN

By PRUNELLA STACK

Lady David Douglas-Hamilton, Director of the Women's League of Health and Beauty.

IN bringing up their children successfully and making them as healthy and happy as possible, mothers feel they are fulfilling an ordained role which brings them immense satisfaction. For what is more worth developing than a "whole" man or woman? "Whole" in the sense of the ancient Greeks who aimed at the complete and synonymous development of mind, body and spirit.

HEALTH SENSE

THIS, then, is the task. To fulfil it, under war conditions and under the difficulties of peace, has proved to be no easy matter. All the more honour is due to the mothers who have responded so well to the challenge, and achieved such signal results with the generation born during the war.

Modern medicine teaches that the care of children cannot start

too early. But it is not enough to rely merely on outside medical aid and advice. The mother herself must develop "X-Ray eyes," and must know instinctively if anything starts to go wrong with her child.

It is only under the guidance of a wise mother that a child can develop a "health sense." This "health sense" which entails self-discipline, pride of a fit body and the possession of vital health as opposed to a mere absence of disease—can be of immense value to the child throughout its life.

A "health sense" will be created naturally and unconsciously as the result of healthy daily habits. But the formation of these is the mother's responsibility, for the child is mainly in her hands during all the early formative years of growth. And these years are all-important for its future.

Fresh air, sunlight, correct food, exercise, rest, play—all these factors enter into the healthy development of a child. This article is concerned mainly with exercise, because it provides a practical starting point, but of course the other factors are of equal importance. In fact, for healthy growth, not one of them should be neglected.

LET THEM CLIMB

THE best forms of exercise for small children are the natural activities of running, jumping, and—more particularly—climbing. This last is extremely important because it develops co-ordination, balance and skill, as well as uses every muscle of the body.

All children naturally want to climb. Probably one of their earliest experiences of frustration is when they are told not to scale the sofa-back or walk along a wall.

Undoubtedly mothers who can sufficiently steel their hearts to allow their children to climb without constant warning will be rewarded by seeing them develop a sense of physical confidence and co-ordination which is an excellent foundation for the games and sports which they will learn later.

Swimming, too, is a wonderful exercise, but must, of course, be started at a later age.

In addition to these natural activities a little daily instruction

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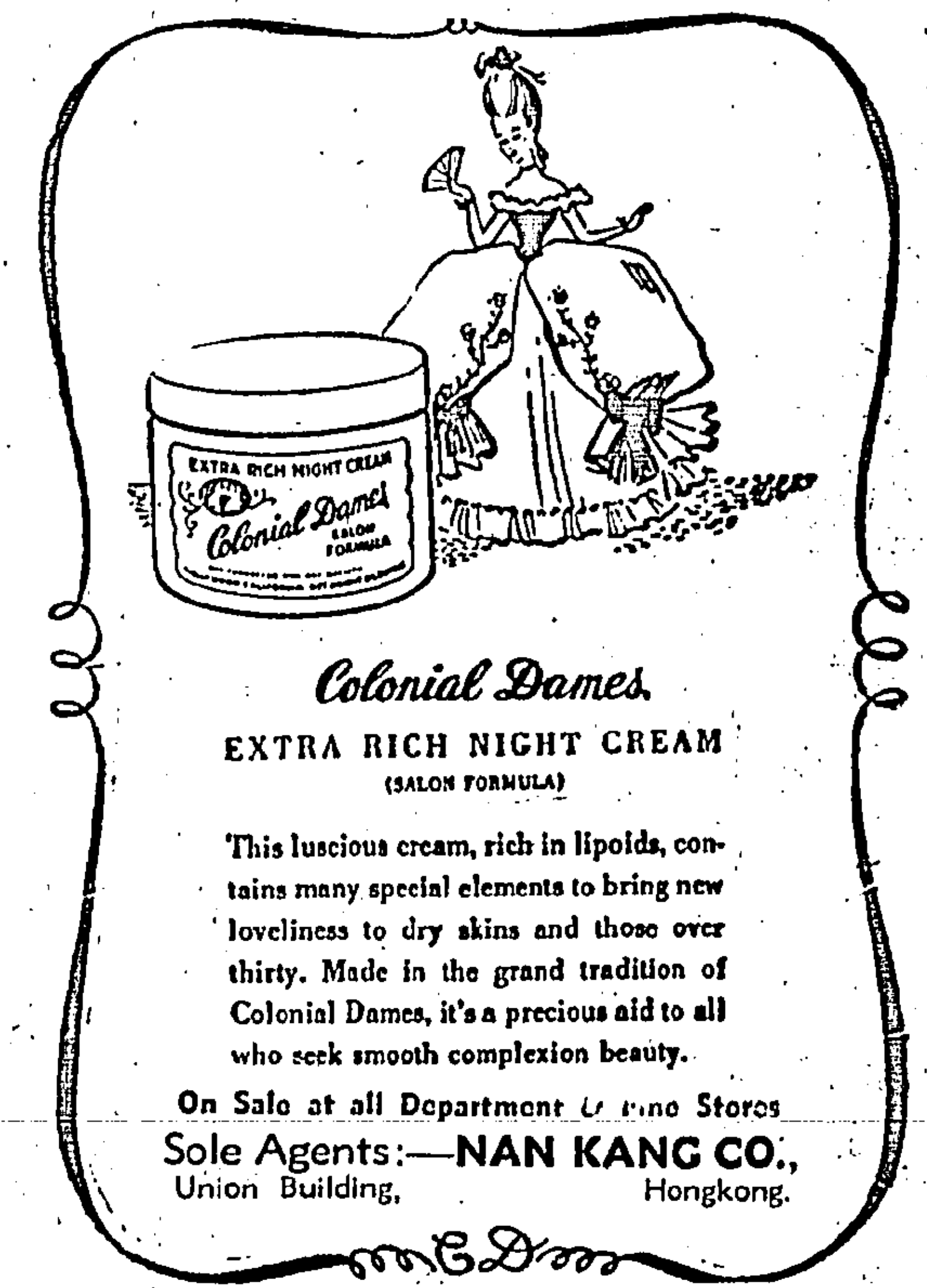


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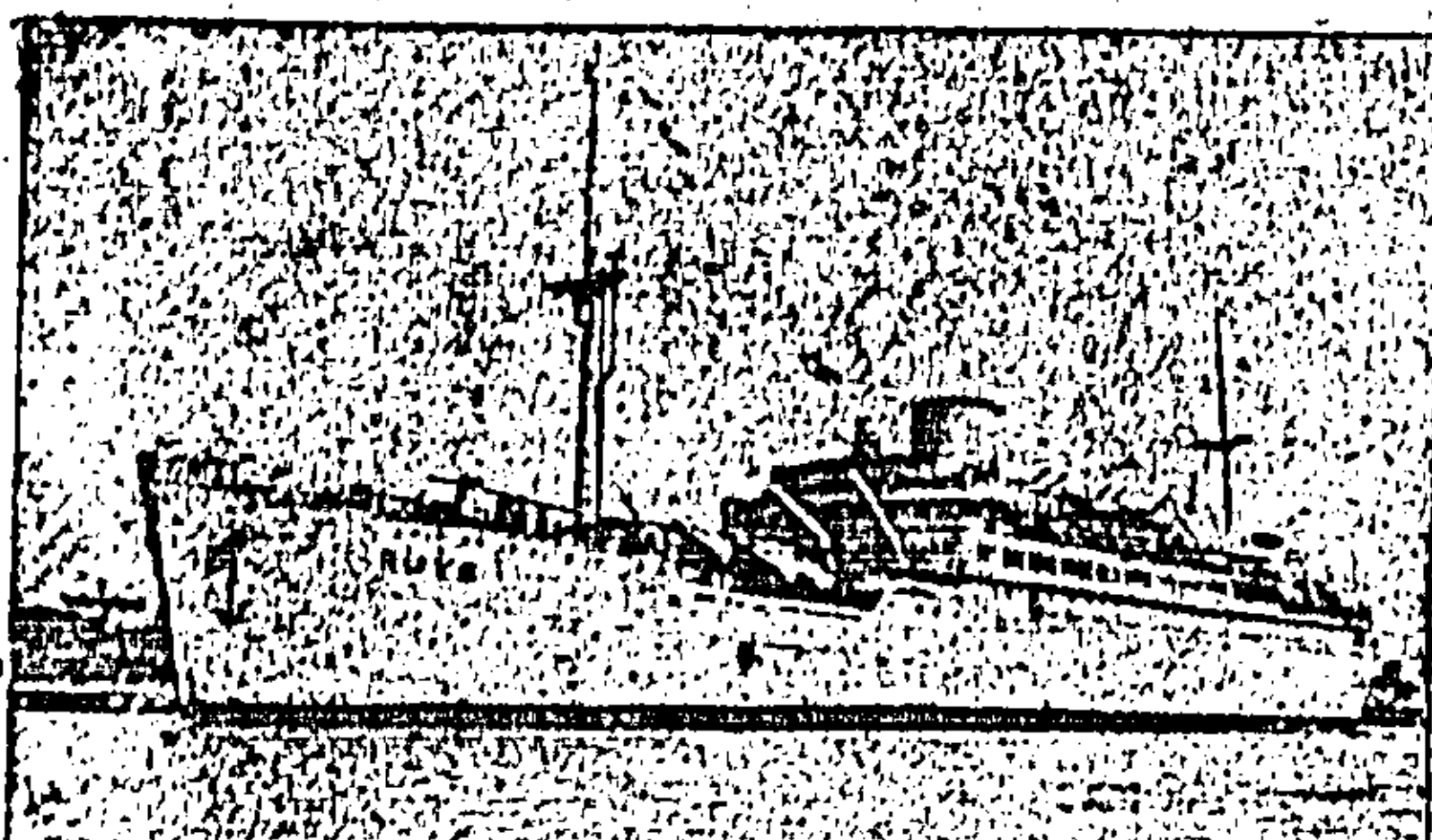


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British Zone To Be Jointly Garrisoned

Britain's "international army" plan for the British zone of Germany, under which Allied forces will garrison nearly a third of the whole area, is now nearly complete, reports United Press.

First major part of the plan—the taking over by a complete Belgian corps of the southwestern corner of the zone—is due to be completed within the next few weeks. At present, Belgian troops are merely stationed in the southwestern Rhineland, west of the Rhine itself. But their new area will extend not only east of the river but well into the southern Ruhr.

This is just one part of the plan which will give the smaller Allies their chance to use the Reich as a training and drill ground for new and inexperienced forces, and will also ease the British occupation burden.

North of the Ruhr, the Polish forces, including the famous Polish armoured division that fought through Normandy, and the Polish paratroop brigade, are to be placed, and discussions have been in progress with the Dutch authorities on the part they might wish to play in occupying the extreme northwest of the zone.

Further east, a Norwegian brigade, 4,000 strong, is to take over the Harz mountains area.

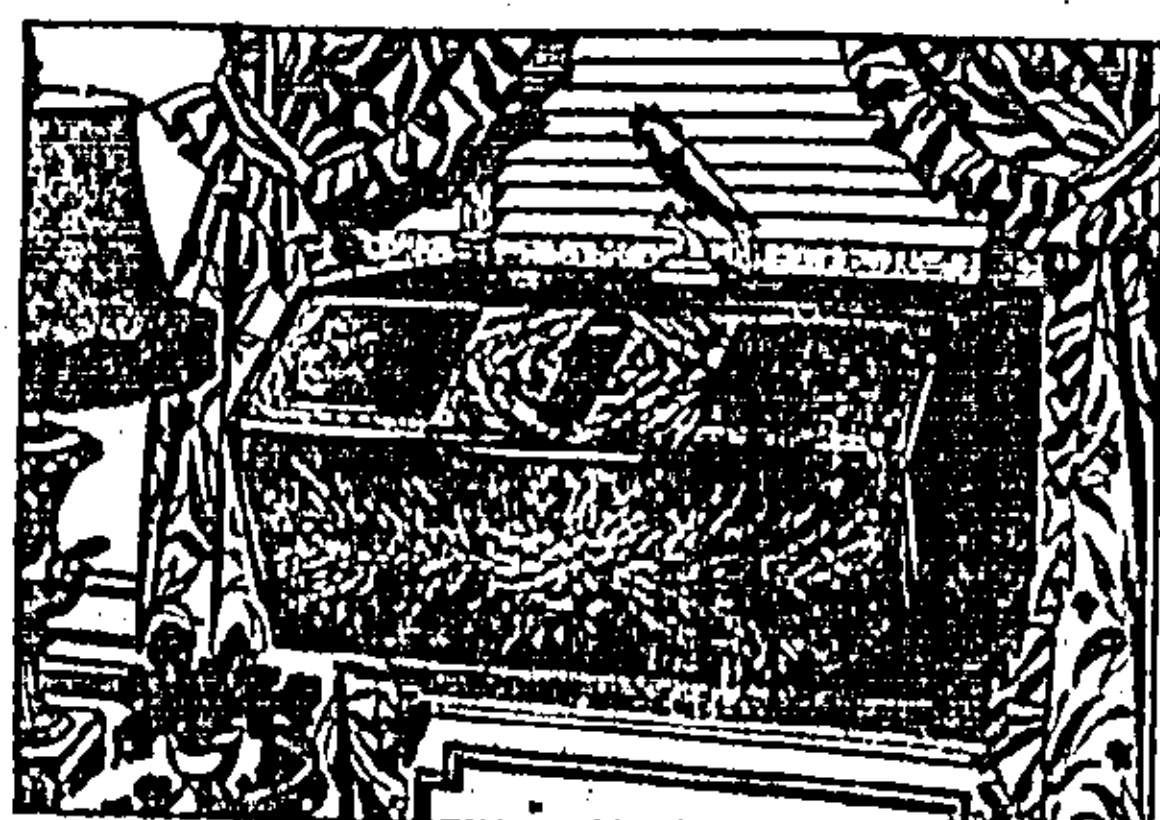
Danish troops are also likely to be used in the zone, though the exact area is still under discussion.

All these Allied units will be under British command, and while they will have certain administrative powers, all military government duties in their respective areas will be retained by British Control Commission officials.

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Australia has granted to the Netherlands Indies Government a credit equal to US\$24,375,000 covering wartime claims for goods and services provided by Australia and to assist in meeting current expenses of Netherlands Indies agencies in Australia, says Associated Press.

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CHILDREN'S COLUMN

By Uncle Peter
Britain's Young Concert Artists

While still at school and the age of 13, a girl in Britain has won a national championship at the British Brass Band Festival. She is Betty Woodcock, of Stockbridge, near the steel city of Sheffield, who became champion cornet player of the country when she appeared at the Royal Albert Hall in London. She was given a great ovation. Betty and her brother, Stephen, are both experts on the cornet and won their first medals when they were seven years old. They were taught by their father.

They are two of the many young people in Britain who have showed musical talent at an early age. Another young performer is 12-year-old Elizabeth Powell, who, when she played Haydn's Concerto in D Major with the London Symphony Orchestra at a London theatre, had Fingertini to conduct for her. She began to study the pianoforte when she was four years old. She also has appeared at the Albert Hall, at which, in the present season, many of the greatest musical artists in the world have appeared before London audiences.

To "get on the radio" is the ambition of many composers older than Peter Hodgson, who lives in Essex near London. Peter has realized this ambition at the age of 16, for a "Concerto Fantasia" which he wrote for pianoforte was broadcast from the north of England studios of the British Broadcasting Corporation at Manchester. Peter, who received his first music lesson in 1938, is studying at the Royal Academy of Music in London. He gained entry there by composing two pianoforte sonatas in 1942, when he was twelve.

Rupert and Ninky—48



Rupert cannot imagine what is meant by the conjurer's words, but he follows him into the house and watches him take off his coat and enter a small room where a Siam cat is seated on a table. "Place donkey on table," says the man. Rupert obeys. The cat at once begins to fidget, growling round and staring at Ninky, but refusing to go near him. "You speak truly, little bear," says the conjurer. "Cat fears donkey, therefore there is magic in my magic. I know what kind of magic I know." ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

SHORT STORY

CLEANING UP

By EDMUND HUDSON

DAISY O'BELL pushed the electric cleaner over the fourth floor. At the door of Suite 418 she met Jessie Downtry doing her share of the chores.

Daisy dropped the handle of her cleaner, swept back her untidy hair and looked at the girl. With a backward motion of her hand she indicated the modern appointments, soft carpets and plush chairs of the inside-office.

"That should be my class, Jessie, that's what I should be doing. I've had this cleaning up for other people at all hours of the night."

"Now don't take on, dearie," consoled her fellow worker. "We can't all be in the money in this world."

"But I would have been a lady," Daisy went on. "If certain people hadn't been telling lies and making out to be what they weren't."

Jessie sat down on the floor of the corridor with her back against the wall and asked encouragingly: "Why, dearie, have you been hard done by?"

"Hard done by, I was," started off Daisy. "When I was twenty and my pa and ma lived in the house and we did all right. And I was pretty well thought after by the lads in the town."

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Daisy sighed over her cleaner. "It was fixed down to three of them in the finish. There was Tom Studd, the butcher's son, who would inherit his father's business, and a profitable one at that. There was Alan Dremmer, whose pa was in the bank and intended to put Alan there too. And there was Wally O'Bell who didn't have any people in town and who did odd jobs all over the place for anyone who would give him a few quid."

"Wally was the best looking of them all. A dasher he was. He had appeal, if you know what I mean, Jessie."

"I know," murmured Jessie from the floor with a long-ago look in her eyes.

"But of course," went on Daisy, "the other two had prospects. They used to come at different times and it was sure after a while that one of them was going to have to be accepted. For the other girls and fellows were getting married in the town, and you never knew but what some woman might carry off my lot if I left it long enough."

"It was the legacy that brought it to a head."

"They had been calling for ages and none of them had said anything, so I gathered the three of them at the annual Fair on a Saturday afternoon and I told them about Uncle Henry."

man in the Far East to-day, publicly austere, inwardly seeking, the man who was China throughout the war, but whose every act has been warped by the conviction that the Communists are a more lethal enemy than were the Japanese; General Stilwell, the superb military man whose refusal to accept the Generalissimo's desultory technique of fighting the enemy led to his unfortunate and undesired recall by President Roosevelt; Ambassador Gauss, who believed in telling Washington both sides of a two-sided situation, whose Embassy was the best informed in China, and who was wise departed; Ambassador Hurley, whose uniform outshone his achievements and whose terms of agreement with the Communists were repudiated by Chiang; Mao Tse-tung, the Communist leader, the ruling genius of his Party who had never been abroad, but understood the basic problems of the Chinese peasant; and a handful of others, good and bad.

The great trends are followed, too—the peasant whose lot it was to become either a soldier or cannon fodder, either a political entity or a serf; the early courses of the Kuomintang and the Communists, their parting of the ways and the reasons therefore; the famines, the general perils, the military campaigns; and the failure of the end of the great war to bring victory and peace to China.

The Communist political secret on the other hand, is neatly packaged by the authors in these words: "If you take a peasant who has been swindled, beaten, and kicked about for all his waking days . . . treat him like a man, ask his opinion, let him vote for a local government, let him organize his own police and gendarmes, decide on his own taxes, and vote himself a reduction in rent and interest—if you do all that, that peasant becomes a man who has something to fight for, and he will fight to preserve it against any enemy, Japanese or Chinese."

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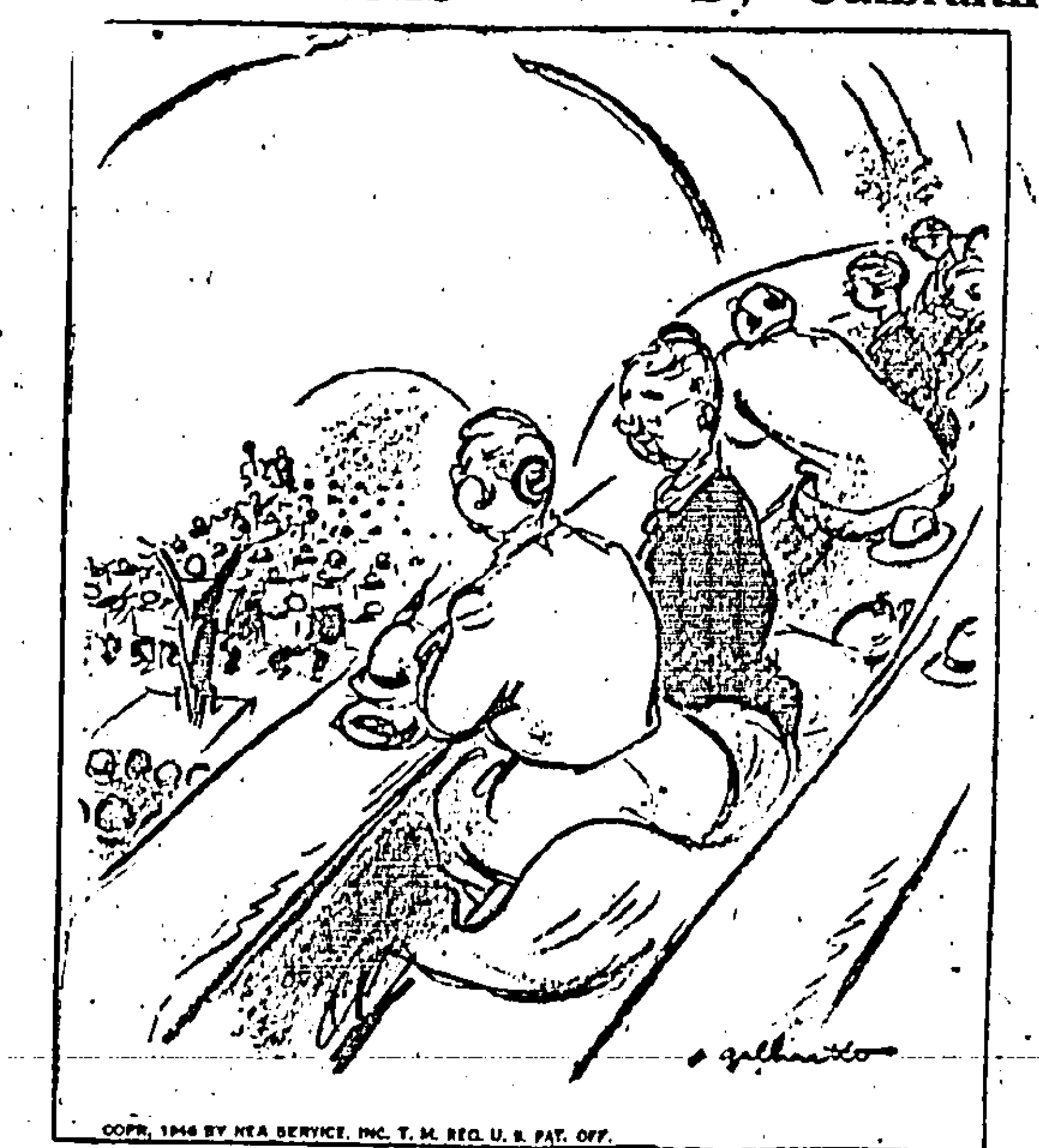
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SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"It must be exceptionally fine music—it certainly sounds awful."

According To Culbertson

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To-day's deal was just a cruel joke as far as the North and South players were concerned. South, dealer. Both sides vulnerable. Rubber bridge.

NORTH
♦ Q J 5
♦ A K 6
♦ A J
♣ K J 8 7 4
♠ K 5 3 2

WEST
♦ 6
♦ Q 7 3
♦ K Q 10 9
♦ K 10 8 2

EAST
♦ 4 3
♦ J 10 8 2
♦ 8 7 5 4 3 2

SOUTH
♦ A K 10 8 7 2
♦ 10 5 4
♦ 6
♦ A 5

The bidding:
South 1 spades, West 2 clubs, North 3 clubs (44), East Pass.

There was certainly nothing wrong with the grand-slam contract, but down it went, and South played the hand correctly, too. West opened the diamond king. The ace won, ward dummy, the club queen would then South cashed the club ace and the club five to the king. He

intended, of course, to establish a long club by ruffing, and this would have been easy if the suit had broken 3-5 or 4-2. The 5-1 division, however, proved too bad to be overcome, and South could not salvage his heart loser.

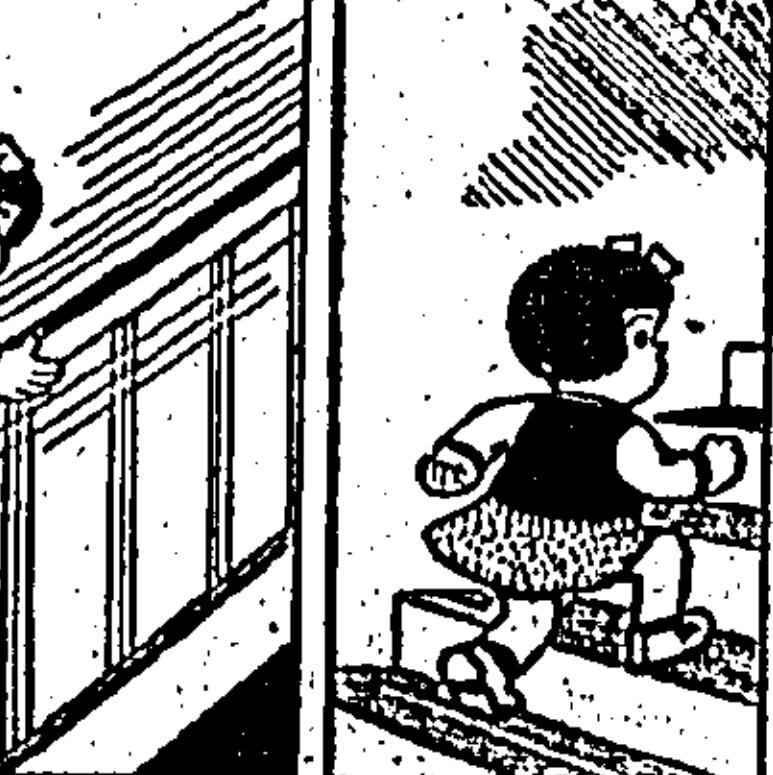
Obviously, the contract could have been fulfilled through the supremely simple device of finessing against the club queen but there is the point—what finesse had far less "percentage" than the club-establishment plan actually used by South. A bad player might have made the hand by finessing, but no good player would make it, because no good player would take the finesse.

This, however, was only part of the grievance North and South had against Fate! Strangely enough, the inferior contract of seven no trump could not have been lost! At that contract South would have no choice but to win the diamond ace, cash the heart king, then run off all seven top hearts, and the club ace. Meanwhile, West would have had to bid the club queen in order to hold the diamond queen, and now, the diamond king. The ace won, ward dummy, the club queen would then South cashed the club ace and the club five to the king. He

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By Ernie Bushmiller

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By L. J. Miller

ABSENT-MINDEDNESS

MAMMOTH MARTINIS

NO RATS IN BELFRY

Mayor Woodall Rodgers, of Dallas.

"We read of the campaign in a New York paper," they wrote. "We asked ourselves, 'Would we want to see rats in your beautiful church?' We should say not. You see, we were married there."



MISS ELLEN WILKINSON,
Minister of Education, whose
sudden death on February 6 is
the subject of an inquest.

By A Medical Correspondent

They still have an evening rise of temperature. That is a sure sign that there is still some infection

that there is still some infection present and, as a cold is a debilitating thing, then lay the patient up.

finger to myself and the community. I must hide myself away and get myself better before I mingle with my fellow men and women again." Then colds would not spread anything like so rapidly or so virulently.

HER father was a cotton operative, who later became an insurance agent.

EN 1015 when in late early twenties

IN 1915, when in her early twenties, she became national organiser for

Next year she won a parliamentary seat for Labour at Middlesbrough. At that time she was the only woman Socialist MP in the House.

In 1838, when her Fine Purchase Bill, passed through the Commons, she received a general ovation.

During the war she assisted Her-

LAST year her appointment to the Ministry of Education aroused perturbation among British educationists.

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Lady Macbeth with a Botticelli hair-do.

The charge was attributed to An-

drew Clark, director of the Russian and European Christian Mission in

The Legation said that Australia refuses to receive any persons who cannot provide proof of their ability to support themselves for a reasonable period after their entry.—Associated Press.



What, will those hands ne'er be
clean?

"Neighbours"

BY KEMP STUBBS



DO YOU HAVE A NEIGHBOR THAT BOUNCES
IN THE MORNING YOUR HUSBAND LEAVES FOR
THE OFFICE...AND WHILE YOU TRY TO WASH UP
THE DIRTY DISHES SHE DISHES UP THE DIRT.



"I'VE BEEN A
TO HIM AND
A NEW SINK
ASK...A



GOOD WIFE
HEAVEN KNOWS
CAN'T MUCH TO
NEVER



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BY THE WAY

By Beachcomber

FROM the lady with the cold, Charlie Suet was passed to one of those exasperating middle-aged bureaucrats who affect a hearty good will to cover the emptiness of their minds.

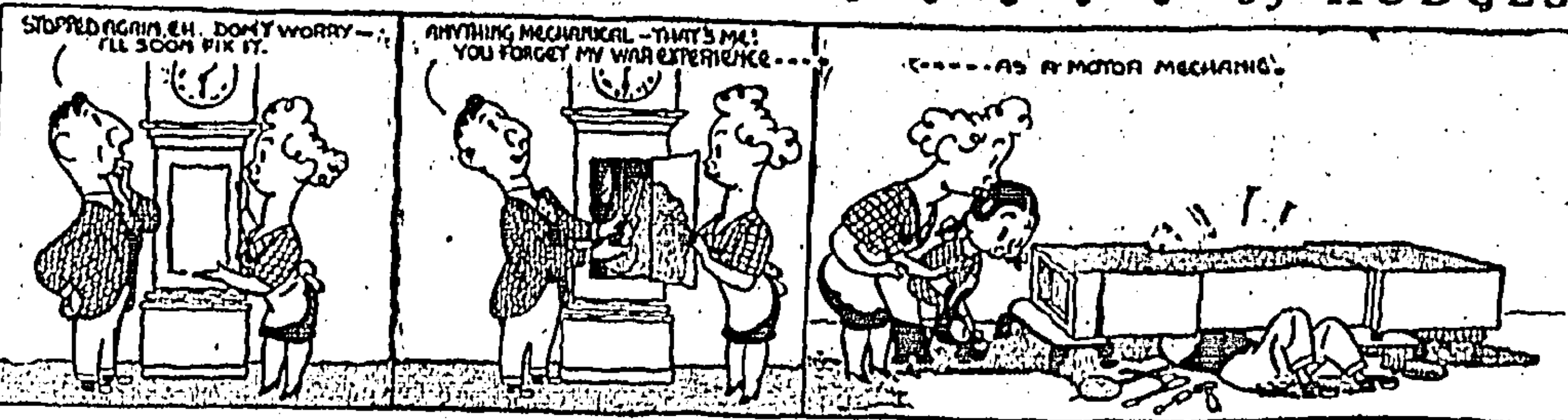
"Mr Chilvey will see you," said a secretary, and Suet found himself confronting a fresh-complexioned, stoutish man with thin fair hair brushed back from a broad, unlined forehead. "Hail!" said Mr Chilvey. "Well, now? Yes!" He seemed to expect an answer, so Suet countered with "Good morning." "Yes," said Mr Chilvey. "Now, let's see. You want to see me about the what-is-it—export, isn't it?" "No," said Suet. "Foghorn containers." "What?" said Mr Chilvey. "Foghorn containers," repeated Suet. "Of course, of course," said Mr Chilvey. "Well, now, where were we? Yes. Well, let's see. Of course. What sort of foghorns?" "Containers for all sorts," said Suet. "Ah," said Mr Chilvey, beaming. "Quite comprehensive, eh? Well, now."

Nothing much happens. "I HAVE the sketches here," said Suet, placing a large selection on the desk. Mr Chilvey contemplated them upside down. "Mustn't mix 'em up with the town-planning stuff, eh?" he said, and laughed loudly. "Once knew a fellow who had his own portable foghorn for use in the streets. A bit disconcerting, eh? Now, these sketches. You want Haildays to look at them. He understands all this, eh? I'll get Miss Upchurch to contact him." A conversation on the telephone ensued. "Haildays' away in Cornwall," said Mr Chilvey. "Would Butcher do?" "Ah, anybody," said Suet. "Hail, yes, anybody." "I forgot. Better call back. Or we'll write to you, eh?" Suet picked up his sketches and departed, but not without having first laid his finger along his upper lip and breathed down his nose.

By the skin of our teeth. I READ that thirteen years ago this earth of ours had a close shave.

THE PARKERS

by HODGES



War by-passed these long-bearded Japs

By RICHARD HUGHES

"DEMOCRACY," observed old Inosuke Miyamoto, patriarch and headman of the Hairy Ainu of Hokkaido, "is no doubt a very good thing. But me—I like to hunt bears."

He stroked his foot-long, gray beard reflectively and brushed back his 10-inch moustaches with an elaborate, curved wooden "moustache-lifter."

A picturesque and dignified figure, he was seated cross-legged on a bearskin in his thatched hut. He wore black and white robes of fibre over a fish-skin waistcoat and long cotton underpants.

It came within a million miles of a comet, eighty days after the comet had passed. Which reminds me of the man who said, "I was standing on the quay at Waterford the day President McKinley was shot in Buffalo," said his friend.

Without comment.

The collars will leave England in an air-liner for New York. From there they will be flown to Hollywood.

On his black greasy hair was a ceremonial cap of leather, cardboard and willow shavings which dangled like a pigtail down the back of his neck. His calloused feet were bare. Around his neck glistened a necklace of glass beads and from his large ears depended circular silver earrings.

I had called to discuss with him the march of liberation in Japan, the new democratic constitution and contemporary affairs generally.

He is the leader and spokesman of the Hairy Ainu, the vanishing bearded aborigines who were the original inhabitants of Japan and who are now dying out in the remote fastnesses of Hokkaido.

At the age of 71, he lives comfortably in the little village of Shiraoi, on the west coast of Hokkaido, where the leader

North Pacific breaks sluggishly on a black beach and the air is heavy and strange with sulphur fumes from a nearby volcano.

The walls of his long, high hut are hung with curved swords, flintlocks, bows and arrows and bamboo spears, lined with lacquered boxes and festooned with rustling fetishes of willow shavings to repel or placate the demons and dwarf-like koropok-guru who persecute and annoy the irreligious Hairy Ainu.

The war, Miyamoto-san conceded handsomely, had largely bypassed Hokkaido and the Hairy Ainu.

Some of the Ainu boys had been called up to fight for the Emperor. Three, to his knowledge, had had their beards shaved off to conform with the discipline of the Imperial Japanese Army.

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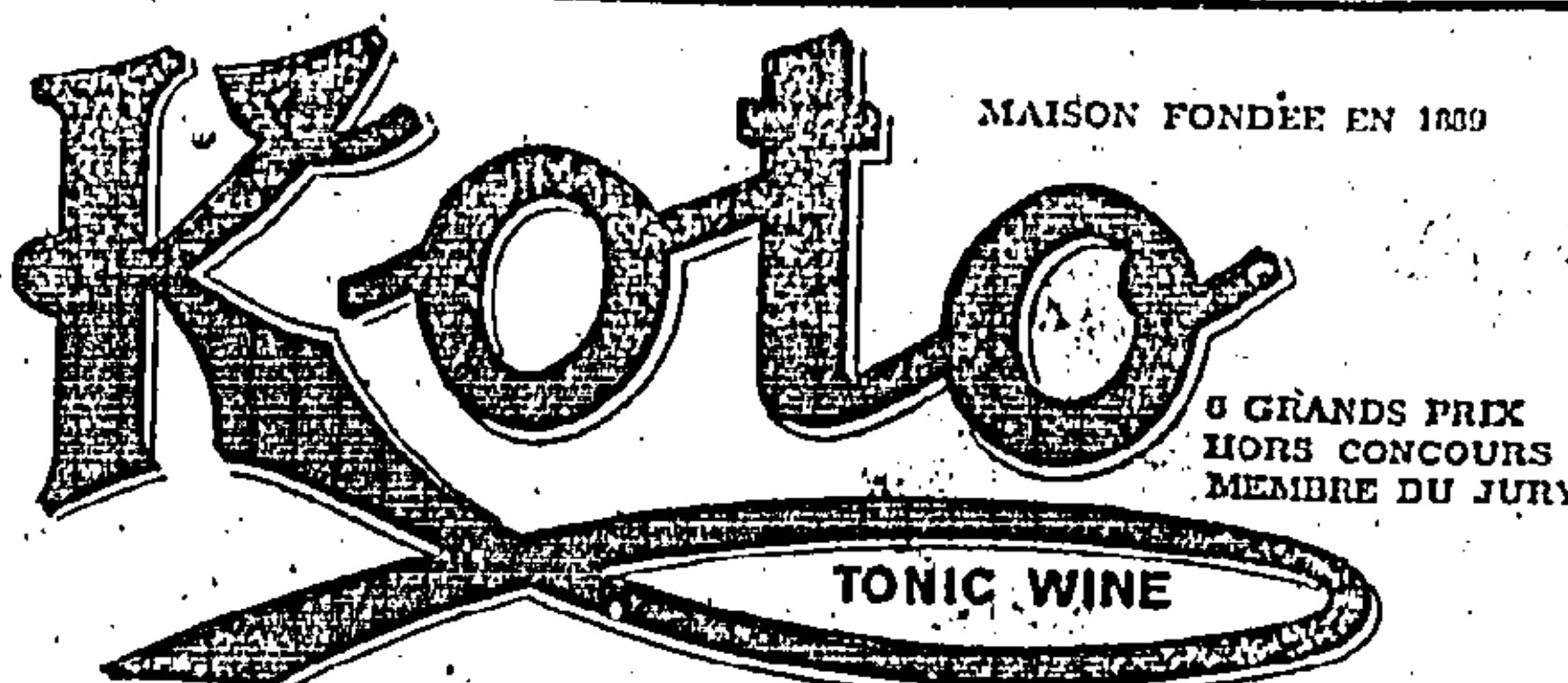
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WINDOW ON THE WORLD

Stockholm.—The Salvation Army band from the small Swedish town of Tranås, known as "Sweden's best brass band," has been invited to the State's top judges. He called the Supreme Court of Errors the "Court of Supreme Errors."

BONER DE LUXE. Hartford, Conn.—In Hartford, Connecticut, Lieutenant-Governor James Shannon was swearing in the State's top judges. He called the Supreme Court of Errors the "Court of Supreme Errors."

MATCH SPLINT ROMANCE. Pembroke, Ont.—Marjorie Degner, of Liverpool, married the man she had been courting for six years by mail. She "met" him by his name being written on a case of match splints sent to the factory where she worked. Bridgroom Elmer Appeler wrote on the splints "for a lark." He tried to get to England in the army. She tried to get to Canada. Now it's all over.

WHAT IS A TOPER? Brantford, Ont.—George Campbell of Florida divided his estate among six Canadian grandchildren who "are not habitual drinkers or smokers." Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons Ross has to decide whether a cold constitutes a disability. That is the administrator. If any of the grand-children are considered habitual drinkers or smokers they are cut off to the tune of one dollar and the estate goes to the rest.

HAIR-HEADED BEAUTY. Milan.—Giulia Corsi, 20-year-old Milan beauty, is suing her best friend who gave her a home-made bottle of hair balm, which has left her bald-headed. Giulia claims her girl friend was jealous of her fiancé.

NORWEGIAN HOTELS. Oslo.—This Norway will rebuild many of the tourist hotels which were destroyed during the war. The need is particularly great in northern Norway—"Land of the Midnight Sun."

HIROSHIMA FREAKS. Washington, D.C.—Dr. B. S. Haldane tells American scientists that the first generation of Hiroshima's atom bomb survivors may include "a flock of freaks." He expects a peak of abnormalities after five or 10 generations. Changes due to the atom bomb may "keep turning up for 10,000 years," he thinks.

ERROR IN ACOUSTICS. Boston.—There is almost nothing on the subject of sound that Professor Richard Bolt, acoustics expert at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, does not know. When he was brought into traffic court at Cambridge recently for ignoring a police whistle, they fined him \$5. Because of his job they refused to believe that he did not hear the whistle.

"MR. BOUNTIFUL" WEPT. New York.—An ex-pug but now a successful tavern owner, Joseph Bonavita decided to begin the New Year well. With \$800 in his pockets, he set out for the Bowery, New York's hang-out for derelicts, to give it away. To passers-by he flung dollar bills with this message: "Make it a Happy New Year." In a few minutes there was such a mob

that the police had to make them queue up. It was all too much for Mr. Bountiful. He sat down in a gutter and wept for his fallen men. The police took him to hospital for observation. They said: "A man must be crazy to give his money away."

NEGRO DANCERS ROBBED. Paris.—Two members of the Negro Ballet of London, George Peters and Agnès Martins, were attacked and robbed by three Algerians who approached them with an offer to buy British £1 notes.

"TAILOUR PINK." Hollywood.—Many a "barlour pink" employed by the film studios is getting a pink slip with his pay envelope.

GERMAN DIVORCES. Hamburg.—The discomforts of married life in one unheated room, trouble in providing a wife with household essentials except at black market prices beyond the pocket of an honest wage earner, postwar moral laxity and the nervous strain induced by undernourishment and unemployment, are stated to be the underlying factors in the increased divorce rate in the North Rhine-Westphalia districts. It is double the prewar figure.

CONTROL 19 PROFESSIONS. Regina, Saskatchewan.—The Saskatchewan CCF Socialist Government is preparing an act by which 19 professions will be put under Government control boards. Proposed legislation will force doctors, lawyers, teachers, architects, engineers, chemists and surveyors to apply for operating licences. Even astrologists will be affected.

COSTLY FACIYDEINIS. Johannesburg.—Latest cost of living index is the price of two new baby elephants which have arrived at Johannesburg Zoo from Ceylon. They cost £450—300 percent above prewar price.

ARE YOU SURE?

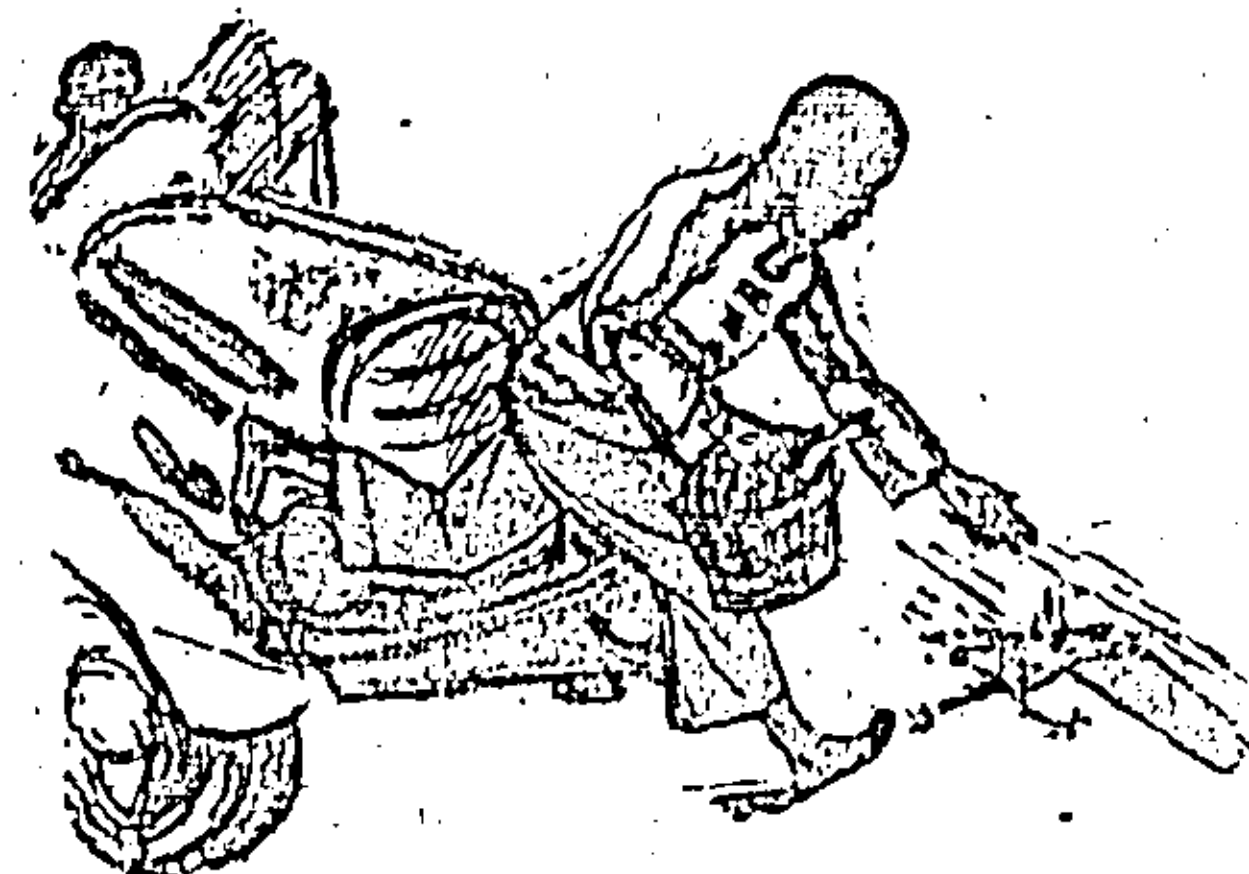
ANSWERS. Questions on Page 8. 1. Three a.m. 2. Meal of parched corn, eaten by North American Indians. 3. Blumenthal and shellac. 4. Switzerland. 5. January 6. Mrs. Currie Jacobs Bond. 7. Parable of labourers in vineyard (St. Matthew, 20. 6). 8. Dunkirk, for bravery of its inhabitants. 9. Quotient.

ANSWER TO PATHEMAN PUZZLE (See Page 4)

The coin was a fake, because the term B.C. was unknown until after the birth of Christ.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION. Solution of yesterday's puzzle:—Across:—1. Leaschold. 2. Axminster. 11. Gap. 12. Dolt. 13. Ecstacy. 14. Era. 15. Telegram. 18. Bread. 20. Dove. 22. Easter. 24. Lid. 25. Era. 26. Bean. 27. Rouen. 28. Wren.

Down:—1. Lager beer. 2. Exact. 3. Ample. 4. Sida. 5. Otter. 6. Left. 7. Dream. 8. Nod. 10. Sing. 15. Ravine. 17. Lath. 19. Rug. 20. Drew. 21. Eden. 23. Sou. 24. Bar.



DANGEROUS WALKING

—BY QUIZ—

give fine views, too. One can see Kowloon and the harbour spread out like a model relief map. The ships are like toys, and Kai Tak a toy aerodrome with rows of toy planes—one plane taking off, another flying in to a smooth landing. A turn round the hill shows a completely different view—green, gray hills, a setting for boys and inlets of lapis lazuli blue, on which float brown-sailed junks.

With careful driving there is no real danger on these roads. Not the real dangers of the road haunt the wide straight thoroughfares of Hongkong and Kowloon. Danger from careless and selfish drivers, and masses of Chinese pedestrians who cross busy roads as if they were quiet country lanes, their heads turned away from oncoming traffic as they potter foolishly across, in a desperate suicide bid to join their ancestors.

Worse still at dusk or at night, when these pedestrians pretend they are already astride a bicycle, and in black or dark-hued garments that merge into the background, they fit like invisible beings in front of the car. And, after all, no driver can be blamed for running over an invisible man!

The Islands, in the course of construction in the widest thoroughfares, are a wise addition for the safety of the roads, but it is up to the pedestrians to protect themselves by making some effort to use the roads intelligently.

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They've dug up Pop

BY PAUL HOLT

WAS out on the Volga some Russian scientists have proved that there is a clear link between reptile and mammal. They have dug up full fossils of a fellow called Titanophonus potens, whom we must now regard as our ancestor, the furthest up the human family tree.

He had a high, narrow skull, long snout, eyes placed far back looking forward and outward, huge teeth in the front clamping together in a perfect trap, short, powerful legs and long claws, a long, thick tail. He was 12ft. long and ate the vegetarian members of his family. That was rep.

Apart from the tail, I know him well.

MAN OF THE FUTURE

MEANWHILE at Princeton, Professor J. B. S. Haldane has been speculating on Junior. He thinks that the man of the future, if he escapes destruction by radio-activity, will probably have great muscular skill but little muscular strength, a large head, fever-teeth; he would develop very slowly, perhaps not learning to speak till five years of age, but continuing to learn up to 40, and then living several centuries.

He would be more rational and less instinctive, less subject to sexual and parental emotion, to rage and to so-called herd instincts. "From our point of view, he would be an unpleasant individual," says J. B. S. H.

Titanophonus potens would gobble him up in no time.

FUN FOR THE QUEEN

IT is not generally known, as the gossip writers say, that the Queen dearly loves a fireworks display. Ever since she was a little girl it has been her prime idea of fun.

POLICE VIEW

A BOY of 18 was found dying on a Brooklyn pavement, clad only in pyjamas, his skull fractured, and across his chest hacked out the letters NAZI in blood.

The police gave it as their opinion there had been a student rap.

They play rough in Brooklyn.

IF I OWNED A PUB....

WHAT dull names new pubs have. They catch the imagination of neither the wayfarer nor the sign painter. In consequence they are beginning to run a danger of losing their names altogether, now that most people are content to say: "Going to the local?" or "Going up the road?"

If I owned a pub I would call it "The Frog and Toad," because thus I should be encouraging my painter friends to paint great and glorious designs for the sign, while reminding my customers that there is still time for one for the road.

Or else I would call it "The Windy Boffin" or some such modern plenary. We have come so far, so far, from the days when "The Goat and Compass" was "The Goat and Compass" and "The Elephant and Castle" the "Infant of Castle."

Have you a good name for a modern pub?

NEWS IN



THE WEDDING of Mr Tsong Yu-pai, assistant manager of the China Merchants Navigation Company in Amoy, and Miss Tan Sok-kian, took place at the Gloucester Hotel last week. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



PRESSMAN WEDS—Mr Joseph Edward Bernard Wilson, Router's Hongkong manager, and Miss Gwendoline Graco Morris were married last Saturday at St John's Cathedral. Many friends were present at the church ceremony and subsequently at the reception given in the Hongkong Hotel. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

PICTURES



MONSIGNOR RIBERI, Apostolic Internuncio to China, who is on an official visit to Hongkong, pictured celebrating Mass at the Catholic Cathedral last Sunday. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



A COCKTAIL PARTY for visiting American journalists was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Briordy last Saturday. Picture shows some of those present. From left:—Mrs Lee Martin (Overseas News), Mr Mark Kaufman (Life), Mr John Luter (Fortune), Mrs Briordy, Mr Frank Rounds (World Reports), Mr William P. Gray (Time) and Mr Briordy. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH was the scene of the marriage on Wednesday of Mr Cheung Hin-man, of the Bank of Canton, and Miss Lorna Mok, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. S. Mok. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



BELILIOS PRIZEGIVING—Mrs T. R. Rowell, wife of the Director of Education, seen presenting prizes at the annual prize day of Belilios Public School. The Principal, Miss E. C. Stephens, is on the right. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

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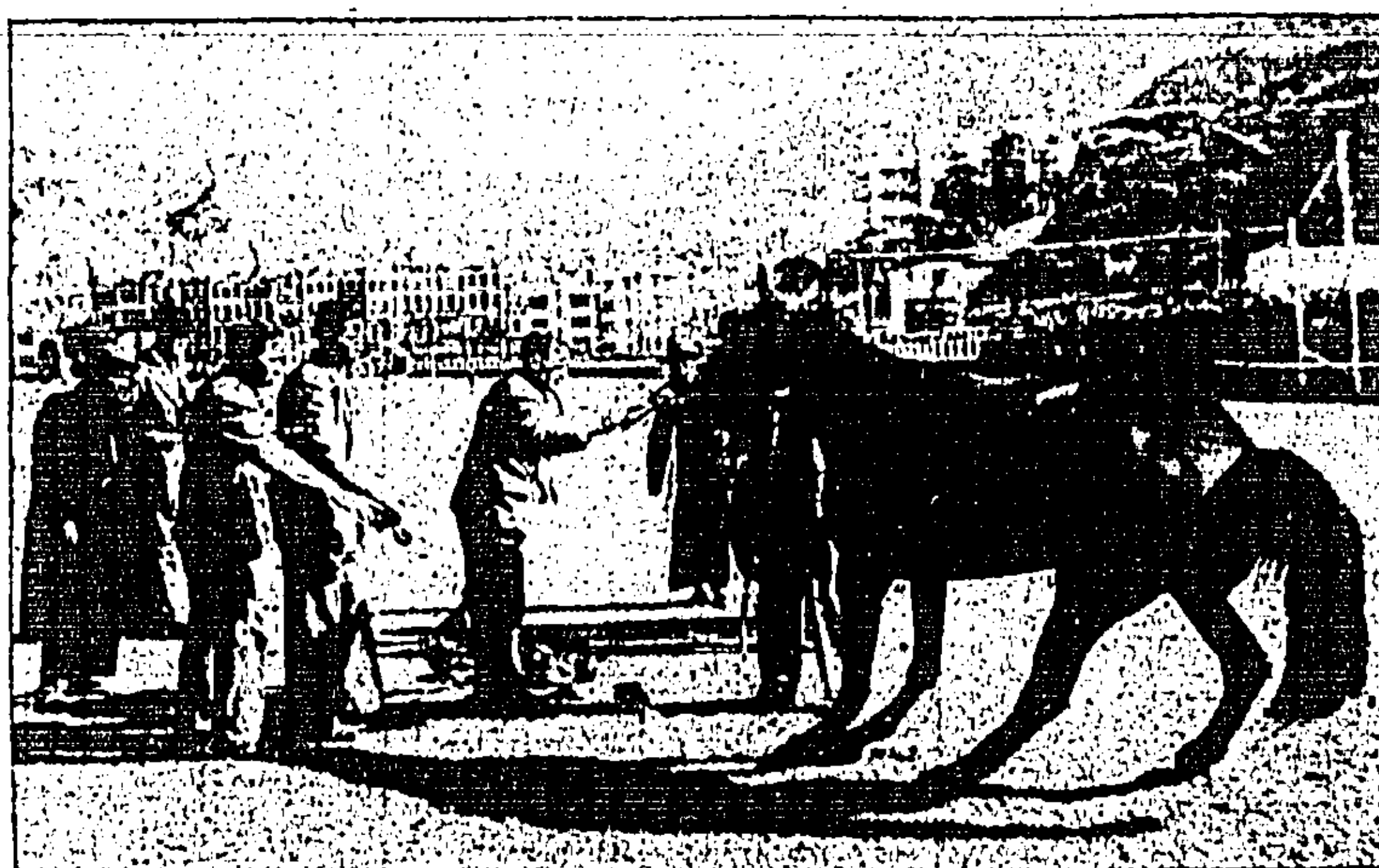
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RACING ACCIDENT—The second extra race meeting of the season at Happy Valley last Saturday was marred by an unfortunate accident in which Mr K. C. Hung's pony, Morning Express, a hot favourite, stumbled and broke a foreleg, throwing its jockey, Mr R. K. C. Chui. The pony was destroyed just after the picture was taken. (Photo: Golden Studio)



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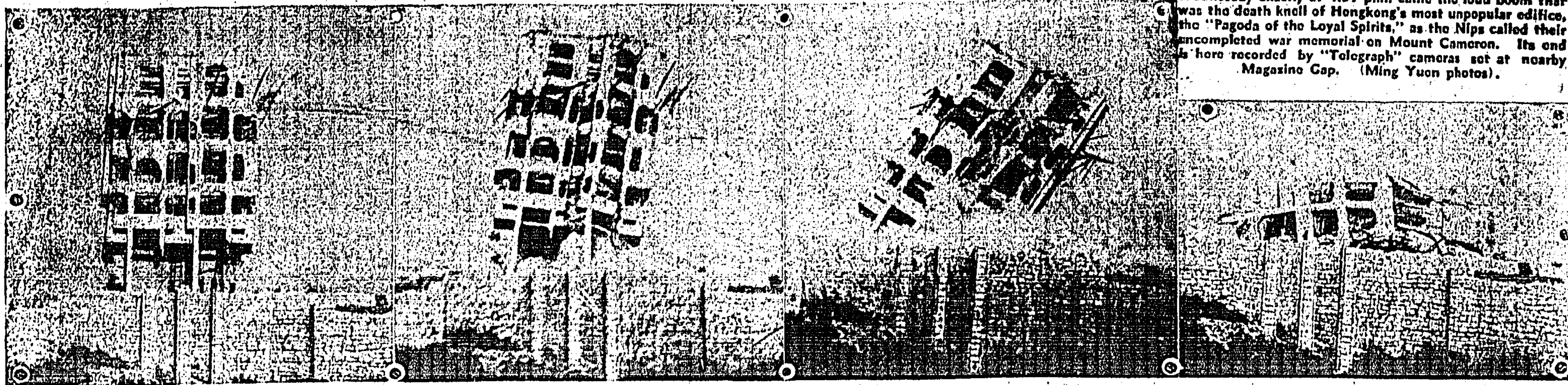
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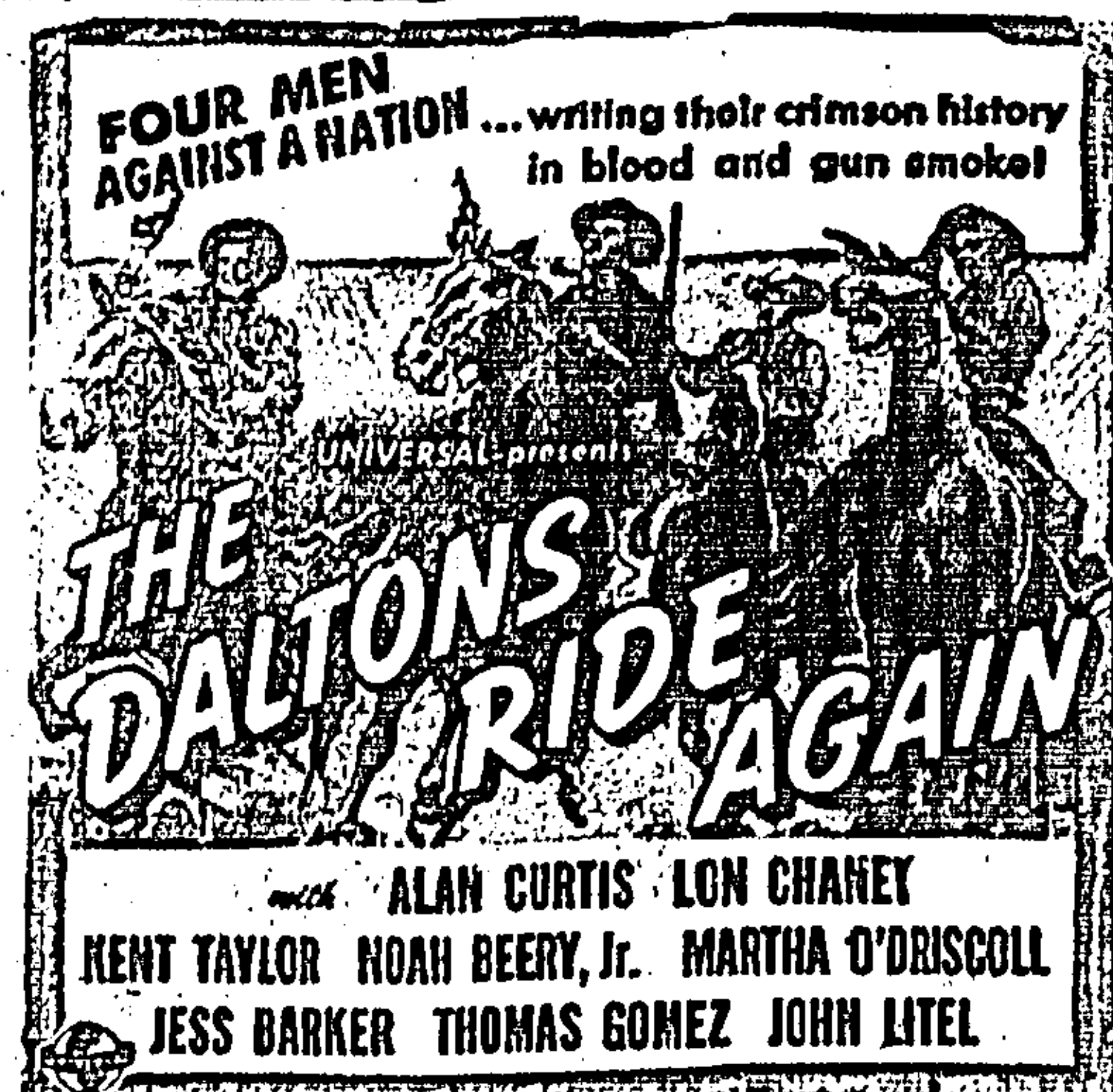
THAT WAS!



Wednesday exactly at 4.37 p.m. came the loud boom that was the death knell of Hongkong's most unpopular edifice, the "Pagoda of the Loyal Spirits," as the Nips called their uncompleted war memorial on Mount Cameron. Its end was here recorded by "Telegraph" cameras set at nearby Magazine Gap. (Ming Yuen photos).

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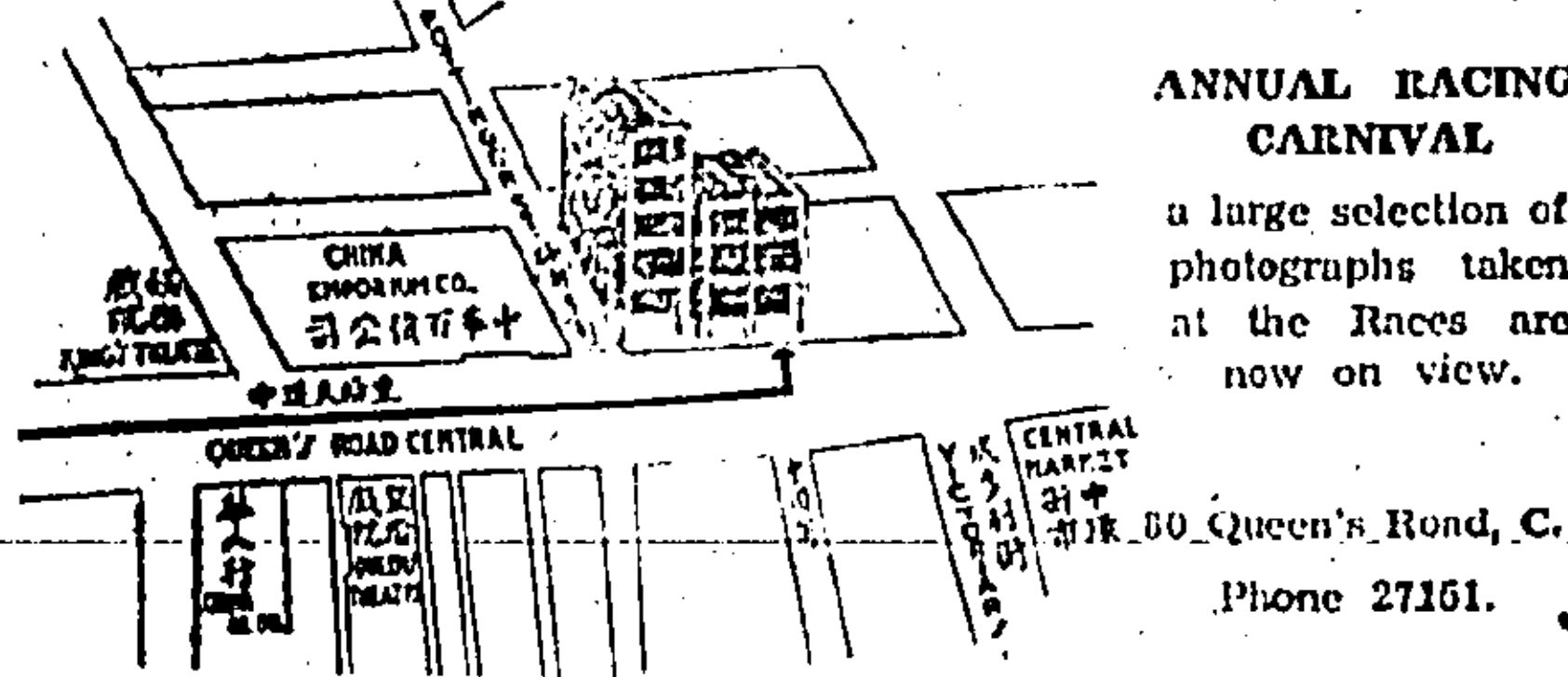


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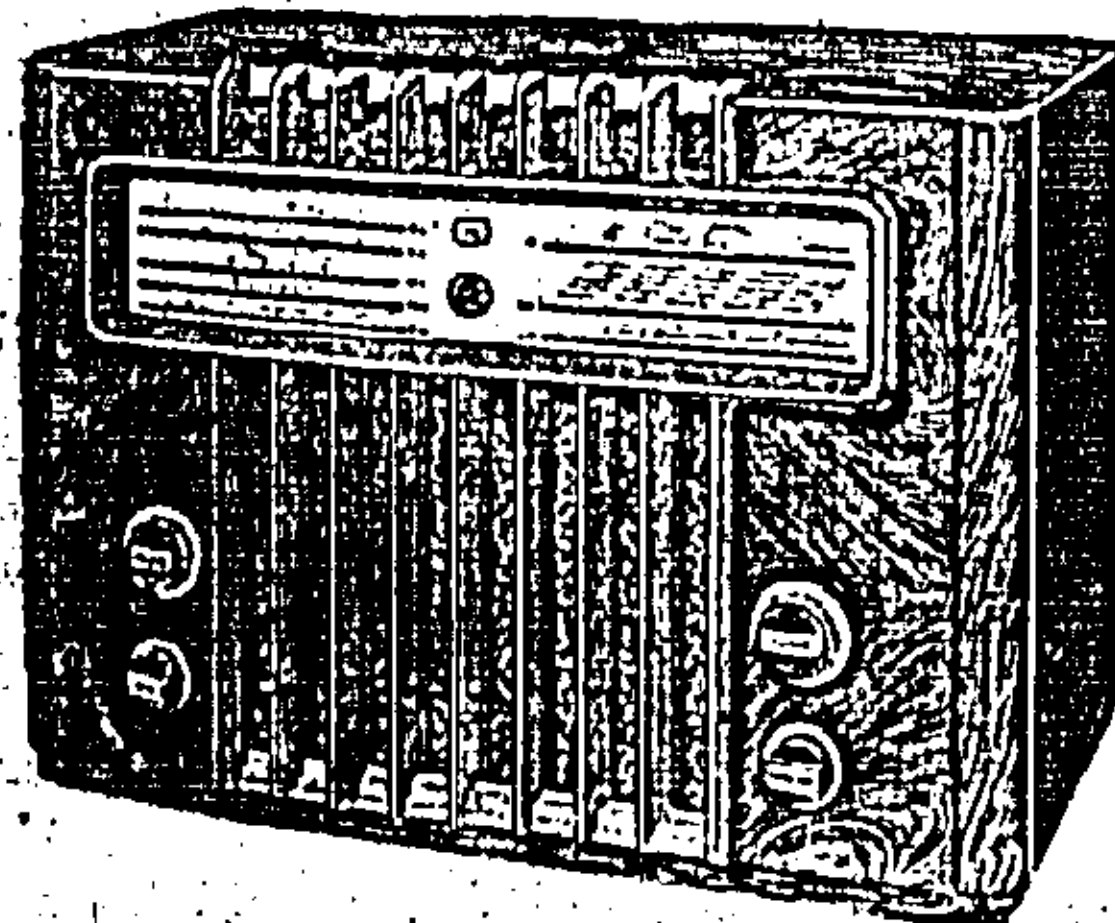


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American Liberty Ship Refuses Dutch Search

Batavia, Feb. 28.

Captain Rudy Gray, of the American freighter Martin Behrmann, now in Republican-held Cheribon harbour, Java, has refused to obey the Dutch Navy order to sail to Tandjong Priok harbour, near Batavia, it was learned from a Republican source quoted here to-day by the Netherlands press agency.

He is said to have described the order as "a deep international insult" and to have added that if the Dutch insisted, they would have to tow him out.

The ship is said to be fully loaded with native products. The Dutch naval authorities are quoted by the Netherlands agency as saying that they had no official news but that if necessary the vessel would be towed out or a naval crew put aboard.

On January 9, the British merchant ship Empire May Rover was reported by the Information Service of the Dutch Navy to have been escorted by a Dutch warship from Cheribon to Samarang to be searched for arms in accordance with the control the Dutch Navy has been exercising since last year.

A Netherlands Navy commentator later said that nothing but cars had been found in the ship.

On February 4, it was reported that for the second time the Empire May Rover had been ordered to port by the Dutch Navy for alleged ignoring of warnings not to load rubber at Cheribon.

The Batavian newspaper, Nieuwspaper, said that the ship, with the Katakami Maru, also flying the British flag and carrying rubber, was escorted into Tandjong Priok.

It was alleged that the ship carried rubber from estates not the property of Indonesians.—Reuter.

Flat Refusal

Batavia, Feb. 28.

Captain Gray, of the American freighter Martin Behrmann, told the commander of the Netherlands destroyer Kortenaar, lying alongside the vessel, that he would not allow his ship to be searched because he would refuse to drive her there under her own power.

An official Republican source told the United Press that Gray flatly refused to move the Behrmann to Tandjong Priok for search as requested. He said his orders from New York were to proceed to Colombo, and not to go to a Dutch-held harbour.

The Behrmann at present has a 30-man guard from the Kortenaar aboard, and Captain Gray's crew apparently is on a sit-down strike.—United Press.

Dutch May Use Force

Batavia, Feb. 28.

The Netherlands Indies Government to-day formally announced that force will be used, if necessary, to make the U.S. liberty ship, Martin Behrmann, which is loading at Cheribon, report at Batavia harbour for inspection.

The vessel received a final warning that it must have a Dutch export permit for its cargo, the Netherlands Indies Government communique reported.

The Behrmann has been loading principally rubber, sugar and quinine. The Dutch said unauthorized exports have been draining the already badly hit country.

Earlier, Captain F. J. Kist, chief of staff of the Netherlands Indies Navy, said there would be "most disagreeable consequences" if the

crew of the Martin Behrmann, now loading at the Nationalist port of Cheribon, refused to obey Dutch orders.

Captain Kist said it was entirely possible for marines to board the American ship, but he had not had a report of boarding and refusal of Americans to obey commands, as reported by an Indonesian Government spokesman. He said he also did not hear from the Dutch destroyer at Cheribon with orders to escort the Behrmann to Tandjong Priok as soon as she finished loading.—Associated Press.

CHURCHILL SLASHES SOCIALISTS

London, Feb. 28.

Mr Winston Churchill to-day called upon the Conservatives to take "all steps within our power" to bring Britain's Labour Government to a speedy end.

In a message to the Political Council of the Constitutional Club, Mr Churchill said: "The economic and financial structure of our country is now endangered through the vicious legislation and maladministration of the Socialist Government. The Empire is being cast away."

"I believe it an urgent matter of public duty for everyone of us to take all steps within our power to bring this government to a speedy end. I urge my fellow members of the Constitutional Club to set an outstanding example of political zeal and enthusiasm."

Mr Churchill is President of the Constitutional Club, a Conservative Party organisation.—United Press.



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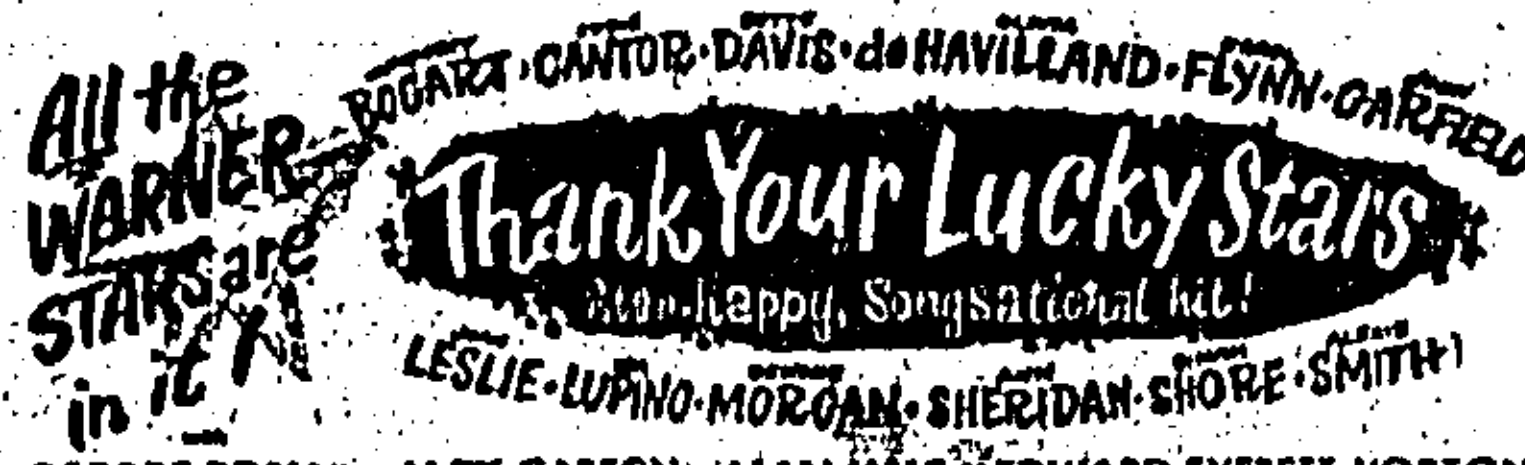
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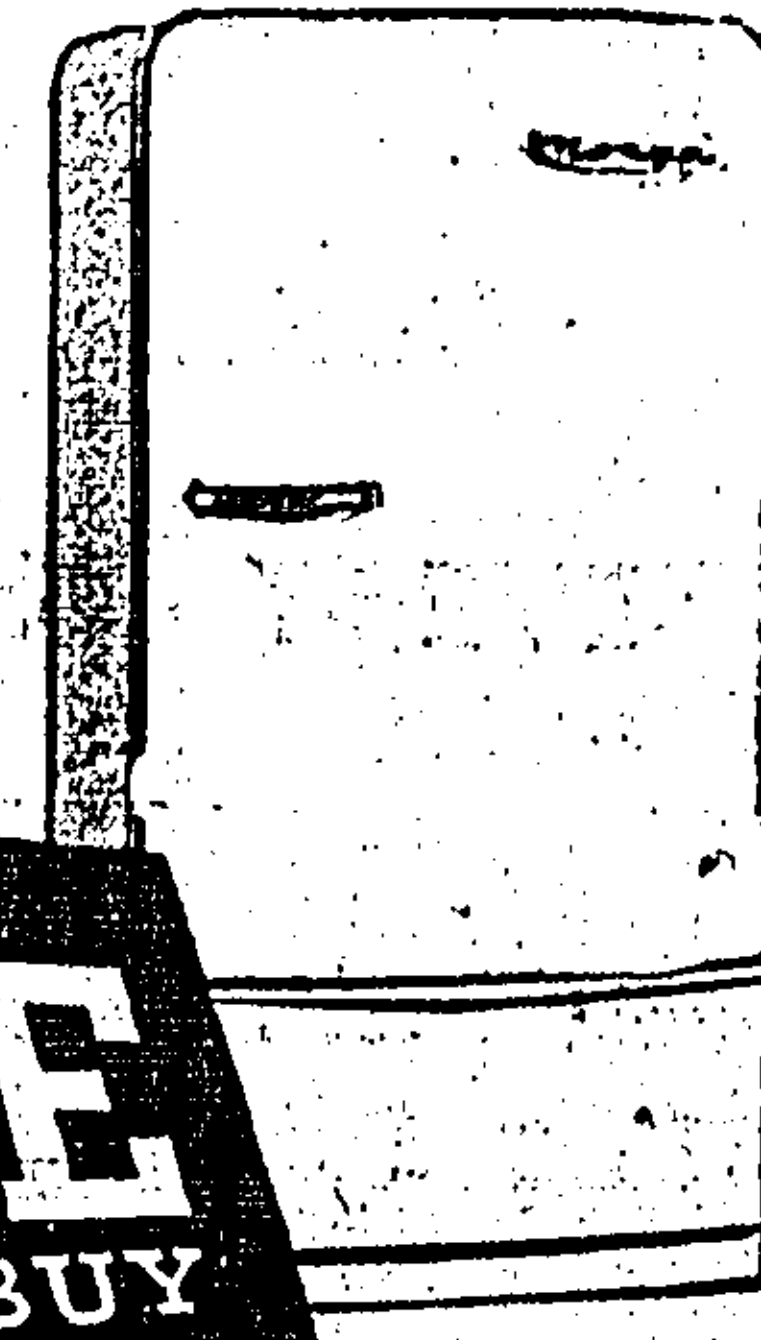
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